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# G-MEN SEIZE

# ALVIN KARPIS

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# NO. 1 ENEMY IS TAKEN WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT

## Long Search Ends in New Orleans.

### BULLETIN.

New Orleans, La., May 1.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis was placed aboard an airplane under heavy guard about 9:30 p. m. (Chicago time). The plane left for an unannounced destination. Karpis was heavily manacled. He was accompanied by six agents.

New Orleans, La., May 1.—[Special.]—Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, killer, and robber who generally has been regarded as America's public enemy No. 1 since John Dillinger and George [Baby Face] Nelson were slain in Illinois, was captured here late this afternoon by federal agents.

Leading the detachment of twenty men who surrounded Karpis was J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation, department of justice. It was Hoover's second arrest in his long career as an executive over detectives; he recently told a senate committee he had participated in only one at that time.

According to Hoover, who has been in New Orleans for the last three days laying plans to seize the notorious criminal, Karpis made no resistance.

### Mail Robber Caught, Too.

"Karpis, with Fred Hunter, whom we have been seeking for a mail robbery at Garrettsville, O., left an apartment at 3343 Canal street in company with a woman at about 5:30 p. m.," said Hoover. "As they were getting into an automobile our men, who had been concealed nearby, broke from cover and surrounded them. Six of the agents had sawed-off shotguns and resistance would have been useless."

Hoover said that Karpis had a pistol in one of his pockets, but raised his hands at command. Hunter was cowed equally. Both men and the woman, whose identity was not disclosed, were brought to the federal building—the scene of the capture is half a mile from the city's business district—for questioning.

A short time later Karpis, a blue-eyed blonde of medium height and slim build, was led out of the bureau offices with an agent on either side. Where he was taken was kept secret. One rumor was that he was to be shipped away in an airplane, possibly to St. Paul, Minn., where is under federal indictments charging the kidnappings of William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer.

### Two Year Hunt Ends.

"We have been on the trail of Karpis for two years," said Hoover. "For the past two months he has been dodging in and out of New Orleans and we have been awaiting an opportunity to catch him here. Another thing, Karpis is not public enemy No. 1 to us."

He declined to tell who has that

ranking with the department of justice.

The janitor of the apartment building in which Karpis was residing said he had used the name O'Hara there. He described the noted criminal as a man of pleasant manners with a slight impediment in his speech.

Only eight days ago the attorney general of the United States issued circulars offering a reward of \$5,000 for information that would result in the capture of Karpis. The postoffice department had offered an additional \$2,000, supposedly because he was implicated in the Garrettsville mail train robbery. Five bandits were involved in that crime and they obtained \$46,000 in cash and securities.

### Hunter's Career Short.

Hunter, who is 37 years old, has only a short criminal record. Just how he and Karpis became companions was not made known. Hunter, however, almost certainly was one of the five machine gunners involved in the Garrettsville job, the federal agents said.

The real name of Karpis, who is 26 years old, is Karpavicz. His father John, and his mother Anna, who are law abiding and much distressed at the career taken up by their son, reside at 2642 North Francisco avenue, Chicago, where John is the janitor of an apartment building.

Karpis was born at Topeka, Kas., where as a schoolboy he became noted as the best marble player in his school. Before he was 17 he had been arrested as an automobile tire thief. He was sentenced to a reformatory in Kansas, but escaped.

### Paroled Within Year.

Re-arrested on a similar charge four years later, in 1930, he was sent to the state prison. He was paroled within a year. Shortly afterward he was arrested in Oklahoma as a burglar and sentenced to the prison at McAlester. Oklahoma also was kind to him and he was paroled again.

In December, 1931, he had a brush with authorities at West Plains, Mo., during which Sheriff C. R. Kelly was killed. Fred Barker, who was his co-leader of a desperate gang, was implicated in this crime. Thereafter the Karpis-Barker gang was regarded as one of the most lawless and bold in the country.

Early in 1932 the gang was alleged to have killed Barker's father-in-law, A. W. Dunlap, at Webster, Wis. The following years it has been charged, the same outfit kidnaped Hamm and Bremer, obtaining huge ransoms from each.

### Mother and Son Slain.

On Jan. 17, 1935, Fred Barker and his mother, Kate, an Amazon as remarkable in criminality as the son, were slain in a battle with federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla.

On Jan. 20, 1935, Karpis and a companion, Harry Campbell, were surrounded by a large number of policemen in a hotel at Atlantic City, N. J. They battled their way out of the trap, stole an automobile, and with twenty men in pursuit fled from Atlantic City. In a Pennsylvania town they kidnaped a physician, tossed him from his car, and drove to Monroe, Mich. There the car was abandoned.

Since that time the search for the desperado has been nation-wide.

Only last summer the department of justice announced that a letter, identified as from Karpis, had been received. In this note Karpis declared his intention of killing J. Edgar Hoover.

# KARPIS' PARENTS PLAN TO TAKE HIS BABY TO SEE HIM

## Bandit's Son, Born in Jail, to Visit St. Paul.

John Karpavicz and his wife, Anna, parents of Alvin Karpis, remained secluded yesterday in their basement apartment at 2842 North Francisco avenue. The white haired mother of the nation's public enemy No. 1 refused to leave the apartment, while her husband, who is janitor for the apartment building, asserted that he "had nothing to say."

Members of the family gathered around to comfort the mother and protect her from interviewers. "I am happy that my son was captured without being wounded or killed," she told friends. "It is also a relief to know that no one else was injured in the arrest."

### Plan to Visit Prisoner.

Mrs. Karpis expressed a desire to see her son, and, when notified that he was in custody in St. Paul, said she and her husband would visit the prisoner within a few days. When asked whether she had any message to send her son she said: "Tell him we will bring his son Raymond along for him to see. He is getting to be a big boy and one to be proud of."

Karpis' son, Raymond, was born to Miss Dolores Delaney, his sweetheart, Feb. 5, 1935, while she was a prisoner in Miami. Miss Delaney was abandoned in an Atlantic City hotel several weeks previous when the desperado escaped in a revolver battle after federal agents had set a trap for him. Miss Delaney is now serving a sentence of five years imprisonment at the Milan, Mich., prison for harboring the bandit.

### Never Has Seen Baby.

Following her sentence of imprisonment at Miami, a year ago, the baby was turned over to Karpis' parents. He has never seen the child.

"Tell my son that Dolores was here to visit the boy on his first birthday—she thinks that he is quite a bouncer," Mrs. Karpavicz added. This visit, it was learned, came when Miss Delaney was being transferred to the Milan penitentiary.

Walter Johnson, chief postoffice inspector here, said yesterday that the federal authorities had no definite information of any crime that the notorious bandit had committed here. Johnson said, however, that Karpis had been suspected of participating in the robbery of a federal reserve messenger Sept. 22, 1933, at Jackson boulevard and Clark street. Two policemen were wounded, one fatally, by the bandits while they were making their escape.

### Sought for Postoffice Robbery.

The postoffice inspector said Karpis, Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell had been sought for the \$34,000 postoffice robbery at Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7, 1935. It was the belief of local agents that Karpis' hideout had been located during the search for Hunter and others who participated in the Ohio robbery.

Significance was attached to the announcement by Attorney General Cummings in Washington a week ago that \$5,000 would be paid for "information leading to the arrest of Karpis." It is believed that the bandit's associates may have been dickered with the federal officials and refused to turn over Karpis until a promise of reward was made definite.

## — THREE PUBLIC ENEMIES AT LARGE —



With Alvin Karpis in custody, these three men are in line for title of "public enemy No. 1." I Left to right: William Mahan, wanted for kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma, Wash.; Harry Campbell, sought for kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and other crimes, and Thomas G. Robinson Jr., wanted for abduction of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll of Louisville, Ky.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]



Fred Hunter, wanted for ~~holding~~ of mail train at Garrettsville, O., who was captured with Alvin Karpis in raid on New Orleans apartment Friday.

J. Edgar Hoover, ~~chief of the~~ bureau of investigation, department of justice, in automobile at New Orleans Friday after he had led his agents in a raid on pretentious apartment where Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was captured with two companions.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

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**KARPIS' "WIFE" IS RELEASED.**

**Fred Hunter Will Face Robbery  
and Harboring Charges.**

(By the Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 5.—J. Edgar Hoover said today that Ruth Robinson, the woman seized by federal agents with Alvin Karpis in New Orleans Friday night, has been released.

He said no charges will be placed against her.

Fred Hunter, arrested at the same time, is being held to face charges of harboring Karpis and also to face charges in connection with a mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., in which Karpis is also charged with participating.

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# Karpis Capture Ends His Crime Reign



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# G-Men Grill Karpis As 'Army' Guards Him Crime Reign

By International News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2.—A regiment of peace officers, bristling with machine guns and rifles, greeted Alvin "Old Creepy" Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, at the municipal airport today and rushed him to the federal courthouse.

Included in the heavily-armed escort was a detachment of armed men from the Minnesota national guard.

The stammering gunman, who was seized in New Orleans last night, and flown here in a 14-passenger specially-chartered plane, was heavily shackled hand and

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, and a half dozen of his agents.

When the big airliner came to the ground at 8:45 a. m., after a stop-over in Kansas City earlier in the morning due to bad weather, the army of agents and troops converged upon it.

Then the doors of the 109th national guard hangar were flung open, the hangar and its entrance cleared of a big throng of onlookers, and the ship slowly proceeded under its own power into the hangar and the doors were closed and locked. Inside were six automobiles be-

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## G-Men Hide Outlaw Karpis in St. Paul

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longing to the federal men. Karpis, manacled and surrounded by agents, was hustled into one of them.

### CAVALCADE STARTS

The others were quickly crowded with G-men and the cavalcade left the airport and drove through the downtown streets to the federal courthouse where, through a milling crowd, the gang chief was taken inside.

Karpis, clad in a white shirt and wearing no coat, was tanned and healthy looking. He seemed carefree and indifferent when entering the courthouse.

The gang chief's debonair mien belied the nickname of "Old Creepy" given him by his pals, because he even got on their hardened nerves.

### FAST WORK

Barely 16 hours elapsed after his capture in New Orleans when Karpis was returned to the city where, allegedly, he engineered two of the nation's most sensational kidnappings, those of William J. Hamm and Edward G. Bremer. A woman and man arrested with Karpis in New Orleans, were left in that city by the G-Men.

He will be locked in the "escape-proof" cell at county jail once occupied by Doc Barker, Tommy Touhy, Volney Davis, Willie Davis and others of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Karpis is the last of the Barker-Karpis mob, although his recent associate, Harry Campbell, still is at large.

His return to St. Paul was in contrast to the last time he was here—two years ago. Then the Barker-Karpis gang was in its hey-day.

### 'LAST CHAPTER'

Today Karpis, the most hunted fugitive since the days of John Dillinger, was the central figure in the last chapter of the melodramatic saga of the mad band of machine-gun killers.

At the department offices Karpis was to be subjected to immediate questioning concerning the \$200,000 Bremer abduction and the \$100,000 Hamm kidnaping.



## G-MEN SAY LOTS OF EVIDENCE FOUND IN KARPIS' APARTMENT

By Associated Press  
NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Federal bureau of investigation agents who captured Alvin Karpis and two companions here last night said today that a search of the apartment where Karpis resided for about a month with "Ruth" had yielded "plenty."

"We've found plenty," David W. Magee, head of the local federal bureau, declared as his men continued to question "Ruth," the pretty "girl in white" who lived with Karpis as his wife, and Fred Hunter, who is wanted for a \$34,000 mail robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio.

Magee refused to go into details as to what evidence had been found in the apartment. He likewise refused details of the surprise springing of the trap in which nearly a score of agents, led by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the bureau in Washington, pounced upon Karpis, disarmed and captured him without a fight and then seized Hunter and the girl.

### IDENTITY IN DOUBT

Magee said he did not know the identity of Ruth but that her fingerprints were being checked in Washington in an effort to learn whether she was wanted by the government.

Throughout the night the girl, in her early twenties, was grilled along with Hunter in the offices of the bureau of investigation on the third floor of the Federal building while Karpis was taken by plane to St. Paul in charge of a group of federal agents.

Ruth and Hunter were furnished cots, bedding and meals in the offices of Magee and have not made their appearance outside of the building since they were taken in early last night after the raid on the Canal street apartment house.

### REFUSE TO TALK

All night the lights burped and officers with machine guns and pistols guarded the prisoners. They said both refused to talk and that Ruth refused to identify herself.

Now and then one of the prisoners would be escorted to an ante-room and the corridor would be cleared temporarily.

Federal agents surrounded Hunter when he was brought out and "Ruth" appeared in the corridor once with a white sack over her head to shield her face. The corridors swarmed with armed government men.

At times the rattling of Hunter's chains could be heard outside of the room as if he was moving about or under a nervous strain. He was shackled and chained, hands and feet.

### SILENT ON TIP

In the meantime the federal investigators refused to answer any questions about how they were tipped off that Karpis was in New Orleans, or how they managed to locate him and his apartment.

Hoover, before leaving on the Karpis plane, said briefly that he had been working on the Karpis case for two years.

Asked how long he had been working on the New Orleans end of it, he replied: "We knew he was in New Orleans."

Hoover was the object of a death threat, note supposed to have come from Karpis last summer. Hoover said when he had assured himself that the "public enemy No. 1" was the author of the threat.

Shotguns, automatic rifles and pistols were levelled by 15 or 20 agents to take the fight out of the 26-year-old Karpis, most wanted for the \$200,000 abduction of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, June 15, 1933, and the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, six months later.

Karpis lifted his hands and yielded a pistol.

### RUSHED TO AIRPORT

Other officers were posted about the apartment where Karpis had been known as "Ed O'Hara," a mild mannered devotee of fishing.

Karpis, who has a criminal record for 10 of his 26 years, was rushed from the postoffice to the New Orleans airport at 8:30 p. m. (central standard time) and thrust aboard a chartered plane by about six guards.

### TELLS CAPTURE

The simple statement, "I've got got something interesting to tell you," was Hoover's greeting to newsmen in New Orleans an hour after the capture.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known—but not to us—as public enemy No. 1."

"Karpis never had a chance. There were too many guns on him."

"They were in an apartment and were leaving the house to enter an automobile when the agents surrounded them."

"The agents called upon them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

Karpis was shackled hand and foot and the shackles themselves were chained together, before he was placed aboard the special plane for the secrecy-shrouded night flight.

He had been living in the apartment with the woman, who posed as his wife. Hunter visited them nightly.

His arrest followed two months of concentrated vigilance in New Orleans, Hoover said.

### HAD HIM LOCATED

"We've known he's been in and out of New Orleans for the past two months and have been trailing him," he explained.

The nation-wide hunt for Karpis began with the finding of his fingerprints on a gasoline can and a flashlight dropped by the Bremer kidnap mob.

The robberies and kidnaping of this group of hoodlums in three years caused the deaths of at least five persons, four of them policemen, and about \$500,000 cash loss.

The crime career of Karpis, sometimes dubbed "Old Creepy" because he got on his pals' nerves, began when he was only 16 years old, a slender youngster arrested at Tokepa, Kan., for stealing automobile tires.

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#### FLEES REFORMATORY

After three years in the Kansas reformatory at Hutchinson he escaped by sawing his way through the bars, remained at large a year, and was rearrested and sent to the Lansing, Kan., state prison. He was freed under parole after another year of imprisonment.

A month later, in 1931, he visited the "crime school" of Kate Ma Barker in Tulsa, Okla., and rejoined Freddie Barker, whom he had met in Lansing prison. For a year or more they operated through the oil-wealthy state, broadening their crime activities and adding to their mob.

Karpis was arrested for a Henryetta, Okla., jewel robbery and sentenced to prison but paroled after he had served three months in jail at Okmulgee. Barker had eluded arrest.

#### SHERIFF SLAIN

In December, 1931, the two killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., when the officer approached their car.

In St. Paul, shortly after the Hamm kidnaping, the Karpis-Barker gang suspected "Ma's" second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap, had tipped officers as to their hide-away and Dunlap promptly was taken for a fatal ride.

The association of the desperadoes continued until the final interruption by federal officers at the Barker hideout in Oklahoma, which Karpis and Campbell escaped by only a few hours.

"Doc" Barker, one of the brothers of the crime-poisoned family, was arrested and promptly pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnaping, fearful of the electric chair for murder in connection with other crimes.

#### ESCAPES TO NORTH

After the Florida affray Karpis and Campbell fled north, escaped in a blaze of gunfire at Atlantic City, and since had remained strictly out of the limelight.

Of the entire original Karpis-Barker gang, seven have been killed, the rest captured, with the lone exception of Campbell. If Campbell has companions at this time they likely were "punks" of the gang's affluent era or newly joined associates, officers agreed.

The strength of the federal department, relieved of the Karpis search, sought Campbell today in an effort to make the cleanup complete.

Successor of such desperadoes as John Hamilton, Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson in department of justice books, Karpis failed to carry out a boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, said he made:

"I'll never be taken alive."

#### CLIMAX OF CRIME CAREER

To the law-abiding parents of Karpis, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz of Chicago, the arrest was the climax of a criminal career which drew him a reformatory sentence

### Karpis Known To Pals As 'Old Creepy'

By Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan., May 2.—Alvin Karpis is known to his friends by many names:

His real one—Raymond Karpavicz—became Alvin Karpis and later Alvin.

His nicknames, and why:

"Slim"—because of his build.

"Old Creepy"—because he got on the nerves of his henchmen.

"Chi"—because he talked so much about his favorite city, Chicago.

for petty thievery at the age of 16.

"Why tell me about it?" demanded Karpavicz, an apartment house janitor.

Hunter and the mystery girl were questioned throughout the night by David McGee, head of the New Orleans bureau, and other federal agents.

"She's a tough baby," observed McGee, "and she won't talk."

The girl presented a trim, slight figure in a becoming white hat, white shoes and white checked dress. She appeared to be in her early twenties.

Agents scoffed at a question that she might have provided the "tip off," as did the recently deported alien, Anna Sage, the "woman in red" in the John Dillinger case.

Mrs. J. E. Meyer, owner of the apartment building, said Karpis and "Ruth" engaged quarters about three weeks ago, paying a month's rent in advance.

"He was such a nice, quiet little man, she said.

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Denver, Colo.  
May 3, 1936

# KARPIS HELD UNDER

## HEAVY U. S. GUARD

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# NO. 1 CRIMINAL IS RETURNED TO KIDNAP SCENE

Hoover Says Gangster  
Was 'Too Scared to  
Talk' After Arrest.

(CRIME NEVER PAYS)

St. Paul, May 2.—(A. P.)—Alvin Karpis, long hunted as leader of a gang charged with carrying out two of the nation's major kidnappings, was returned Saturday to the scene of those crimes after being seized Friday night in a bloodless department of justice coup in New Orleans.

Karpis, the nation's most widely-sought criminal, had boasted he "wouldn't be taken alive," but J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal bureau of investigation, who led the capture and escorted the prisoner here by airplane, said Karpis was "so damned scared he couldn't talk."

NO SHOTS FIRED  
DURING CAPTURE.

Not a shot was fired by the heavily armed agents who ended a three-year search.

Karpis was brought here by Hoover and eight federal agents on a twelve-hour airplane trip marked by detours and hazardous flying weather.

Shackled with heavy chains on the long ride, the prisoner dubbed Public Enemy No. 1 was rushed under heavy guard to the federal building upon arrival. He was held there for questioning.

Hoover left Saturday afternoon for Washington.

When Karpis would be arraigned and whether he would be tried first for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Banker Edward G. Bremer or the seizure of William Hamm Jr., brewing company head, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom, Sullivan was unable to say as yet. Sullivan, District Attorney George F. Hamm was kidnaped June 15, 1933, and Bremer Jan. 17, 1934.

FACES LIFE TERM  
AT ALCATRAZ PRISON.

At any rate, authorities in Washington said the 26-year-old ex-convict faces the prospect of spending the remainder of his life in Alcatraz Island prison, if convicted of either kidnaping.

A death penalty might be asked under the Lindbergh law if the trial should develop that a victim had been injured while held, legal authorities in the capital added.

At least two other demands for custody of Karpis were indicated. Hoover told reporters that Karpis was wanted for three kidnappings, including those of Bremer and Hamm, the slayings of a sheriff, fifteen bank robberies, three or four small holdups and complicity in the slaying of "three or four other fellows."

Postal authorities said they would like to try Karpis for the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, last Nov. 7, if he did not receive a death sentence on some other charge. Fred Hunter, also wanted for the Garrettsville holdup, and a woman also were captured with Karpis.

MISSOURI WANTS  
KARPIS FOR MURDER.

In West Plains, Mo., Sheriff Ed Threlkeld said he had asked that Karpis be brought there for trial for the slaying of Sheriff Roy C. Kelley in December, 1931, but did not expect his request would be granted.

Hoover related that agents had been trailing Karpis for two or three days before his capture Friday night. When definite information was obtained they surrounded the apartment in which he lived with Hunter and the woman, planning to raid it. But before they could enter, the three emerged.

"We nabbed them after they had entered their car," Hoover said. "There was a rifle in the back seat but Karpis or Hunter didn't have a chance to reach for it. Neither carried pistols."

The capture, he continued, "rings down the curtain on all the principals in the Barker-Karpis mob," charged by the government with perpetrating both the Hamm and Bremer abductions.

Karpis had undergone plastic surgery but was easily recognizable from photographs, Hoover said. He also had had his finger tips treated.

ALL YELLOW RATE,  
SAYS HOOVER.

A sidelight on the capture was the statement in Port Clinton, O., of John Zetser, 35, who said he believed he had unwittingly aided Karpis and two companions by flying them to Hot Springs, Ark., and Tulsa, Okla., a few weeks after the Garrettsville holdup.

Karpis' seizure followed by only a few days his indictment for the Hamm kidnaping, and capture of three others as plotters in the crime.

The only member of the gang still at large is Harry Campbell, long an associate of Karpis. Asked if Campbell now would succeed to designation as public enemy No. 1, Hoover replied:

"We don't give them any rating in the federal bureau of investigation. They are all yellow rats to us. That was proven Friday night."

## DESPERADO FACES LIFE PRISON TERM

St. Paul, May 2.—(A. P.)—Life imprisonment is the maximum penalty that can be imposed on Alvin Karpis, notorious outlaw, District Attorney Sullivan said Saturday, if he is convicted on charges of participating in either the William Hamm or Edward G. Bremer kidnappings.

An amendment to the Lindbergh kidnap act passed by congress making imposition of the death penalty possible if the victim is harmed would not apply to Karpis, since both abductions were executed prior to that time.

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# TODAY

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**L**OS ANGELES, Calif., May 2.—It makes a difference, even to the No. 1 public enemy, "Till never-be-taken-alive" bandit, which way the gun is pointed. Mr. Karpis is taken, much alive, with no struggle, beyond holding a straw hat over his face to baffle photographers.

Much efficacy in cash rewards: Dillinger defied all the "G-men"; a reward was offered, and a red-haired lady delivered him to the "G-men" bullets, and got \$5,000.

Whether the \$7,500 reward offered for Karpis tempted some friend of that courageous one, remains to be seen.

The criminal is in business for money, and when he can sell a friend for \$5,000, that seems preferable to risking his own life. The reward system should be extended; \$5,000 reward for evidence resulting in arrest and conviction of any murderer.

Certainly \$100,000 of public money had been spent in a futile search for Dillinger before the \$5,000 reward made the lady with the red hair realize her duty.

Karpis, flying with "G-men" from New Orleans to St. Paul, was chained to the seat of his airplane, a nervous way of flying. It might frighten, usefully, some "never-be-taken-alive" men.

Is it necessary for the attorney general's "G-man" department to announce officially by name each succeeding "public enemy No. 1"?

This gratifies the criminal's vanity, magnifying the importance of one more "yellow dog," and frightens heedlessly those who come in contact with him.

The dime-novel value of the title cannot be important to the "G-men."

## THAT'S THAT

**A**LVIN KARPIS, commonly known as Public Enemy No. 1, is characterized by Director Hoover of the G-men as "a dirty, yellow rat." Hoover says: "Karpis boasted he'd never be taken alive, but we took him without firing a shot. He was scared to death when we closed in on him." The sight of twenty men, armed with shotguns, automatic rifles and pistols, and the knowledge that each of them is itching for an excuse to shoot is enough to make even a public enemy quake with fear. Gangsters may appear brave when they have their victims at a disadvantage, but their courage vanishes when the law gets the drop on them.

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Today's Pictures Today

**Ringed in by Guns,** Alvin Karpis (indicated by arrow) arrives in St. Paul to face trial for the Bremer kidnaping. The robber-murderer-kidnaper who was caught in New Orleans was still wearing his jaunty straw hat and no coat (in contrast to the overcoats of the G-men) when he was taken to department of justice headquarters for more questioning. Note the weapons of the federal agents. A veritable army of them surrounded the manacled Karpis.

Associated Press Wirephoto



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## Flyer Reveals Arrest For Aiding Karpis' Escape

Toledo, Ohio, May 2. — (Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)—The mystery of the disappearance last March of John Zetzer, 31, an airplane pilot, of Port Clinton, ended Saturday when Zetzer admitted he had been in custody of G-men for a week because they knew he had flown Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, and two members of his gang to Arkansas after the \$46,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery.

Zetzer said that a man, later identified as Karpis, chartered the plane two weeks before the holdup. He said that he was to have met Karpis on Nov. 6, 1935, the day before the robbery, but Karpis did not show up. On Nov. 8 Karpis appeared with two men, Zetzer said, and had him fly them to Tulsa, Okla., and Hot Springs, Ark., one of the men leav-

ing the plane at Tulsa. Zetzer said he had been paid \$500 for the trip. Zetzer said he did not know his passengers were Karpis and the gang until he identified their pictures when shown them by G-men.

Zetzer served time for liquor law violations several years ago. He also is wanted by Timmins, Ontario, authorities for not appearing for trial on the charge of high-grading gold ore two years ago.

Karpis made Toledo his hideout on two occasions, the first time immediately after the Bremer kidnaping and the second time after he and Harry Campbell shot their way to freedom Jan. 1, 1935, from an Atlantic City hotel.

## Sister Is Relieved Over Capture of Desperado

Topeka, May 2. — Mrs. Albert Grooms, sister of Alvin Karpis, Saturday was quoted by her husband as being relieved that the long hunt was over and that her notorious brother had been captured without bloodshed.

Mrs. Grooms declined to make direct comment.

Since February, 1934, when Don Hisebroek of the National Bank of Topeka and his family were terrorized in their home by kidnapers allegedly headed by Karpis, Topekans have been afraid Karpis would return for a major crime. He was reported to have made frequent visits

to this city during the last two years.

The home of Mrs. Grooms has been under constant watch by officers, as has the home of a woman who formerly was a friend of his. Grooms Saturday declared members of the family have not seen Karpis in several years.

Teachers at a Topeka school from which Karpis was graduated in 1923 remember him as just an "ordinary boy." He excelled in only one activity—marbles. He was the marble champion of Topeka and oldtimers insist that it was aiming "knucks-down" that gave him his later proficiency as a marksman.

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## G-MEN STILL GRILL KARPIS

ST. PAUL, May 5—(AP)—Relays of federal agents, weary after nearly four days of persistent effort, pressed Alvin Karpis today for details of a crime career their chief said included three kidnappings, the slaying of a Missouri sheriff, 15 bank robberies, three or four mail holdups and complicity in other slayings.

In New Orleans other federal agents completed questioning a man and a woman captured with Karpis last Friday. In Washington J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice bureau of investigation, who led the one of them, Fred Hunter, be held to face charges in Cincinnati, O., mail robbery involving Karpis, Ruth Robinson and a woman.

Whatever Karpis has to say from Karpis, they expect to hear from the federal build county jail to await arraignment on kidnapping charges. Karpis is under indictment for the abduction of William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer. Ransom in the two cases totaled \$300,000.

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## MOTHER PLEADS FOR KARPIS' GIRL

Oklahoma Woman Wants Her  
Daughter Ruth to Begin  
Life Anew

DAVIDSON, Okla., May 7 (AP)—  
Mrs. John Hamm, mother of nine,  
said today the girl taken into cus-  
tody last Friday in the Alvin Karpis  
round-up at New Orleans is her  
daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hamm Robison,  
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Mrs. Hamm, wife of a plumber in  
this Tillman county village near the  
Red river, said the picture of the  
pretty blond "woman in white" who  
was present at the apartment where  
Karpis and Fred Hunter were ar-  
rested, is her next to youngest child.

"I only hope that she will come  
back home," the mother appealed.  
"I am her mother and I want to  
help her start over again. She hasn't  
committed any crime. She has only  
fallen into the wrong company."

Federal agents have released the  
girl.

Ruth Hamm left her parents' home  
after a high school marriage failed.

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# KARPIS BEGS TO BE KILLED

## Hoover Tells of Bandit's Scare

*Teeth Chattered and Knees  
Knocked When Captured,  
Says Federal Chief.*

NEW YORK, May 3. (Exclusive) With teeth chattering and trembling from head to foot, Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, begged J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice to kill him after his capture in New Orleans last week.

"He was sure he would never be taken alive," Hoover said today at his hotel. "Immediately after his arrest he begged me to order him killed immediately. I never saw a man more afraid. His knees were actually knocking together when we closed in on him in his automobile."

Hoover admitted that Karpis's capture without bloodshed was a miracle.

"If shooting had begun, there would have been innocent people killed," he said. "There must have been 2000 people and 200 automobiles jammed in around the scene."

"If Karpis had sensed what was up and started firing from his ground floor apartment some of those people would have been caught in the fire."

### MURDER INDICTMENT OF KARPIS TO BE ASKED

ST. PAUL, May 3. (AP)—Hennepin county authorities said tonight they will seek the indictment of Alvin Karpis on charges of murder and bank robbery in Minneapolis.

The gangster, questioned by United States agents concerning two kidnappings and other crimes, still was held in the Federal Building where he was confined after being flown here from New Orleans.

Ed J. Goff, County Attorney, said he will ask the indictment of Karpis in connection with the slaying of two policemen and a motorist in the hold-up of Minneapolis' Third Northwestern National Bank in 1932.

A secret questioning of Karpis was continued by Federal agents determined to draw from the gangster's own lips a list of those who aided his two-year flight from the law.

### EX-WIFE BITTER TOWARD OUTLAW

TULSA (Okla.) May 3. (AP)—The woman who fell in love with Alvin Karpis when she was 17 years of age, married him in 1931 and then divorced him, observed bitterly today that the latest Public Enemy No. 1 "made his bed and he'll have to sleep in it."

Found working in a Tulsa restaurant, Dorothy Slayman said that when she met the recently captured outlaw in Tulsa "I either became infatuated or felt that he needed some one to take care of him. Later I found his way was not my way and so we quit."

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## Karpis Pals Serving Time To Be Quizzed

Earlier details page 1, white section.

Federal agents were reported turning late today to some of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang already in prison for additional information to supplement that given them in the last few days by Alvin Karpis.

The G men, it was said, planned to question Jimmy Wilson, Northwestern University medical student, as they seek to untangle the ramifications of Karpis' movements with a view to leveling harboring charges against those who shielded the desperado.

Wilson, young protege of Dr. Joseph Moran, Chicago physician who performed face-lifting operations on some members of the gang, spent considerable time with the mob at Toledo after the kidnaping.

Because it was felt Wilson had a good chance to "go straight" after release from prison, he was sent to a reformatory at Lewisburg, Pa., instead of to the Leavenworth penitentiary where he would be in contact with others of the gang.

Government men, it is known, feel that in him there may be an excellent source of information.

## Karpis Begins To Open Up, Say Reports

### G. Men Forcing Gangster to Talk, Is Belief— Continue Grilling

Indications that Alvin Karpis is "talking" to the G men strengthened today.

Arraignment of the Public Enemy No. 1, United States District Attorney George F. Sullivan announced, probably will be delayed beyond this week. Originally it had been expected Karpis would be arraigned by today or tomorrow in the kidnapings of William Hamm, Jr., and Edward G. Bremer.

#### Will Be Kept Under Fire

And further strengthening the signs that agents would keep Karpis under the drumfire of their questioning to elicit more information about his crimes and his associates was the announcement of federal agents that "for the present" there would be no showup of the desperado for witnesses to the Third Northwestern National bank holdup murders.

Nor, they said, would there be any likelihood that anyone would be allowed to view their prize prisoner for "quite a time."

#### Hankins Freedom Sought

Bail of \$400,000—highest ever believed to have been asked in the United States—will be demanded by the government for Karpis, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, announced late yesterday.

Meanwhile, counsel for Leonard Hankins, Stillwater lifer, announced

he would demand a special session of the state pardon board to consider freeing the gangling convict whom state authorities now are convinced had no connection with the \$112,000 bank robbery held to have been perpetrated by the Karpis-Barker gang.

The attorney, Eugene Kerat, said he would incorporate the demand in a letter today to W. H. Lamson, secretary of the board.

Melvin Passolt, superintendent of the state bureau of criminal apprehension, said yesterday he now believes Hankins is innocent in the bank case.

However, County Attorney Ed J. Goff pointed out that even if Hankins should be released, he is an escaped prisoner from Kentucky.

#### Woman Is Released

He was convicted in a Paducah, Ky., holdup and broke jail while his case was under appeal. If release of Hankins is ordered, Goff said, he will consult Kentucky authorities before Hankins is out of custody and determine if they want him.

In Washington, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, announced that Ruth Robinson, seized with Karpis and Fred Hunter Friday night in New Orleans, had been released.

There will be no charge against her, Hoover said, although Hunter will face charges of harboring Karpis in addition to aiding him in a mail train robbery in Ohio.

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# Karpis Breaks, Confesses Kidnaping of Bremer and Hamm

## AGENTS FORCE REVELATIONS FROM OUTLAW

Public Enemy No. 1 Cracks  
After Merciless Grilling;  
Deals to Escape Death

Universal Service

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 3.—Cracking abjectly under thirty-six hours of merciless grilling at the hands of Federal agents, Alvin Karpis, characterized as America's most desperate public enemy, confessed today to the \$300,000 ransom kidnapings of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, and William Hamm, St. Paul brewer.

This was learned from an unimpeachable source at the Federal building here, where the desperado has been under almost constant questioning since he was pushed to St. Paul by plane by J. Edgar Hoover, national chief of the Federal agents, after the outlaw's capture Friday night in New Orleans.

With the word of the confession came the further statement that Karpis had offered to plead guilty to either one of the kidnapings, if the Government would agree to "forget" the other.

His willingness to cooperate led also to the speculation that Karpis believed imprisonment for the kidnaping might save him from prosecution on murder charges which carry the death penalty.

### FACES LIFE

Life imprisonment is the maximum for the abductions since they took place before the amended "Lindbergh law" became operative.

Despite the confession of the public enemy who had boasted he would "never be taken alive," but who meekly surrendered in New Orleans Friday without firing a shot, the Government men continued their unrelenting interrogation.

Karpis, it was said, while freely confessing his own part in the "snatching," has so far refused to name accomplices in the actual crime, to give the names of persons who harbored him, or to identify physicians who performed his "face-lifting" operation.

According to U. S. Attorney George F. Sullivan, Karpis will be arraigned tomorrow morning for the Hamm kidnaping. Whether he will be formally charged, also, at that time with the Bremer abduction was not decided late today.

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From Indianapolis Bureau Office



The Minneapolis Tribune said federal agents' clever questioning of Alvin Karpis, shown in jail, resulted in the arrest Thursday of Harry Campbell. The agents talked to Karpis about his escape with Campbell from Atlantic City last year, southern fishing and other subjects, the paper said.

Karpis asked:  
"By the way, who put the finger on me?"  
"Your pal," an agent replied.  
Soon the agents learned Campbell could be found in Toledo, O.

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# SHERIFF IN OHIO CAMPBELL'S DRINKING PAL

TOLEDO, May 8.—(By International News Service.)—Lucas County Sheriff James O'Reilly today hotly refused a demand that he resign his office after his admission that he knew gangster Harry Campbell under another name and frequently drank beer with him in recent months.

In reply to an editorial demand by the Toledo Blade that he resign, Sheriff O'Reilly said:

"The next move is up to the federal government—not me. I will not resign."

G-men pursued an intensive investigation into activities of Campbell and Alvin Karpis during the time they hid out in Toledo, and a number of Toledoans were reported facing questioning.

Campbell's forlorn young wife, released by federal agents after questioning in Cleveland, returned to the apartment where she and Campbell were seized yesterday. She said:

"I didn't know Bob was mixed up in gang affairs. I only knew him as Miller."

## HOOVER SCORNS STORY.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover said today:

"It seems to me that any one could have recognized Harry Campbell from his pictures, which were plastered on nearly every wall in the country."

Hoover was replying to comment of the Toledo sheriff and police chief in connection with his arrest of the pal of Alvin Karpis in Toledo yesterday. He added:

"The sheriff has already admitted associating with this man (Campbell) for weeks."

The sheriff, James O'Reilly, had said he never suspected that the friend he knew as "Bob Miller" was really the fugitive Campbell.

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# FRIEND SCOFFS AT DEATH IN LAKE ERIE

Illegal Operation Sent  
Physician Down  
Crime Trail.

By LEROY F. M'HUGH,  
International News Service Staff  
Correspondent.  
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CHICAGO, May 5—Two small scars beneath the ears of Alvin Karpis, recently captured desperado, were believed today to hold the key to a score of gangland's deepest mysteries.

The scars—if they could talk—or if Karpis would talk—probably would cast light on the ultimate fate of a shadowy Chicago figure, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, physician extraordinary to Chicago gangsters.

"Doc" Moran, reputed to have put those scars on Karpis in an attempted "face-changing" operation, is said to have been thrown to the bottom of Lake Erie by gangsters near Toledo in 1935 because he had a weakness for drink—and talk.

The story of Doc Moran's death in Lake Erie was unfolded by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

## MADE A MISTAKE.

Moran was a popular small town boy from Spring Valley, Ill., who made a mistake. He was sent to Joliet penitentiary in 1923 for performing an illegal operation.

When he was freed, the young surgeon, gang gossip had it, re-touched the faces and healed the wounds of the late John Hamilton, Fred and Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and many others high on the public enemy list. Suddenly he vanished.

But there are those who knew Doc Moran well and who believe he is alive today.

One is Dr. Hal C. Billig, prominent dentist of Maywood, where Moran had an office once. Dr. Billig said:

## DID DENTAL WORK.

"While 'Doc' Moran was in my office building I did much work on his teeth.

"I examined teeth from the body taken from the lake.

"And the teeth were those of a much older man than 'Doc' Moran."

In 1922, when "Doc" Moran came to the office at Maywood and first crossed Dr. Billig's path, he already had strayed far from the ways of the promises of youth.

He married a Boston society girl and returned to La Salle, Ill., to practice. There he made his first misstep, and was sentenced to Joliet.

In prison he became a friend of Ollie Berg, notorious diamond thief, who is said to have lured the young surgeon permanently to the underworld. He was paroled April 7, 1934. His wife had left him in the meanwhile. That was the "Doc's" background when he met Dr. Billig.

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### Hoover Says Mid-West Police Fail to Render Aid To G-Men.

NEW YORK, May 4.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, here after delivering Alvin Karpis to St. Paul authorities for prosecution on kidnaping charges, said Monday that co-operation with his men in some middle west communities is "rotten."

"Corruption or inefficiency among police authorities is the cause of notorious lack of co-operation with the department in many communities," declared the G-men director.

"It is rotten in some places. I won't name them. But they are in the middle west. Nationally—in general—co-operation is excellent. We will co-operate with officials anywhere if there is not a lot of politics, crookedness or the officials are publicity crazy."

#### Believe Bruno Was Alone

Hoover was asked: "Is the government satisfied that Bruno Hauptmann alone was responsible for the Lindbergh kidnaping?"

"Although there might be a possibility that Hauptmann had accomplices, the government is convinced that he was a prime factor in the Lindbergh case," he said.

He was asked whether any of the Lindbergh ransom money had been turned up since Hauptmann's execution.

"Not a dollar of ransom money has been reported since Hauptmann's arrest," he answered. "The financial statement at a conference in New York Tuesday accounted for between \$49,000 and \$50,000 of the ransom in Hauptmann's transactions."

#### Karpis Feared Death

Hoover spoke of Karpis's surrender in New Orleans Thursday.

"He was scared out of his wits. His teeth were clenched in pure fright and his hands were trembling. He was shaking all over. He thought we were going to kill him."

"We took him to the office of the department of justice and began to question him. I saw him watching a window. The office was on the second floor, but he might have tried to jump out, anyway."

"I said: 'Don't try to pull any fast ones.'"

"He said, 'Well, you're probably going to kick the ears off me anyway.'"

"I told him no one would lay a hand on him if he behaved himself."

"Even if I don't answer questions?"

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"That seemed to relieve his mind."

## Karpis Will Get Early Trial For St. Paul Snatch

### Minneapolis County Moves For Murder Indictment.

ST. PAUL, May 4.—(AP)—The government Monday planned an early arraignment of Alvin Karpis on kidnaping charges as county authorities at Minneapolis moved to seek his indictment there for bank robbery and murder.

U. S. District Attorney George F. Sullivan said Karpis would be arraigned soon on four kidnaping and conspiracy counts in the abductions of two St. Paul business leaders, William Hamm Jr., brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, banker. The maximum penalty for kidnaping is life imprisonment.

Protracted questioning of Karpis continued Monday as federal agents attempted to learn additional details of the kidnaping plots and the names of other accomplices—particularly the money changers who handled the \$100,000 Hamm ransom.

While Karpis was held in the federal building, Ed J. Goff, Hennepin county, Minneapolis attorney, announced he was taking steps to have the outlaw indicted for murder and bank robbery in that city.

Goff said the charges are based on Karpis's participation in the holdup of the Third Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis in 1932, when two policemen and a motorist were slain.

In New York, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, said that if Karpis is found guilty of kidnaping here, he may also be tried for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Mo., in 1931.

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# Harry Campbell, Karpis' Pal, Becomes Public Enemy No. 1

## Once Desperate Gang Whittled Down to One Man, and His End Is Seen

[By The Associated Press]

New York, May 2.—A lone, limping fugitive remained at large today out of the intermeshed gangs of hoodlums who roamed Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas during the depression years as successors of the picturesque two-gun outlaws of the old Southwest.

He was Harry Campbell, henchman of Alvin Karpis who was captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his federal agents at New Orleans last night.

Campbell, wanted for bank robberies and burglaries, for at least one murder—that of a Tulsa, Okla., criminal lawyer, J. Earl Smith—and for kidnappings, escaped the New Orleans trap.

But he was a solitary figure, with every official hand reaching to land him in a state prison, in the electric chair or in the federal "Devil's Island"—Alcatraz.

His fellows have gone—died under the guns of the law or landed behind the bars for long terms, many for life.

They were far different from the Dalton, Starr and other bands of two decades ago.

So different were they, in fact, that many in the wealthy midcontinent oil and cattle country have clothed the old timers in an aura of romance.

Not thus the gangsters of the depression era. These have been mowed down or captured, singly and in groups.

Karpis was the latest to be taken. The records speak for the others: Freddie Barker and his "crime school" teacher-mother, "Ma," were killed by federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla.

His brother Arthur "Doc," is serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Another brother, Herman Barker, died at Wichita, Kas., either by his own hand or under the guns of officers.

Russell (Rusty) Gibson, Karpis associate in the Bremer case, was killed by officers. His biggest previous "job" was the \$75,000 robbery of an Oklahoma City bank messenger about six years ago.

More or less directly associated—through intimacy or similarity of operation—were these:

Glenn Leroy Wright, serving life in Oklahoma's McAlester prison, became proficient in the bodily removal of safes from small banks at night—to loot them at leisure on a hideaway farm near Mannford, Okla. He was taken there three years ago, and one of his captors was Ed Hollis, federal agent slain by the late "Baby Face" Nelson. Nine such safes were unearthed where they had been buried on this farm. Wright was believed Campbell's helper in the Earl Smith murder.

### "Slippery" Elms

Willie (Slippery) Elms, robber now serving a long prison term, got his nickname from frequent jail escapes.

Aussie Elliott, Eldon Wilson and Deubert Carolin, bank and jewelry robbers, died under officers' guns at Sapulpa, Okla., after killing two city policemen in a bloody battle.

Wilbur Underhill, the "tri-state terror," was slain by federal and Oklahoma officers at Shawnee, Okla.

Bob Brady, bank robber, was killed during the pursuit after one of the two spectacular Lansing, Kas., prison breaks of 1932-33.

Jim Clark, bank robber who escaped with Brady, was taken by Kansas state police after Patrolman (now Lieutenant) Earl Silverthorn lived with his gang for six months, in daily danger of discovery, to gather evidence.

Harvey Bailey, bank robber who led one of the Kansas prison escapes, was linked as the crime dictator who decreed Earl Smith's death for refusal to defend him in his Fort Scott, Ark., bank robbery trial. Bailey was trapped with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaper, Albert Bates, and with Bates and George (Machine Gun) Kelly is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the kidnaping.

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Oklahoma Cookson Hills bank robber and killer, was slain by federal agents near Wellsville, O., as he fled them afoot.

Adam Richetti, Floyd's pal in robberies and in the Kansas City union station plaza massacre, is under conviction for the latter crime.

Verne Miller, the other Plaza massacre killer, was taken for a fatal ride by Detroit hoodlums.

The Texas desperadoes of that era whose names head the list include Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, slain by a Texas ranger led posse in Louisiana; their associate, Henry Methvin, under sentence of death now for an Oklahoma murder, and Raymond Hamilton, who met legal defeat in Fort Worth.

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This opinion was given here today by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Department of Investigation.

"His fingerprint operations were just as unsuccessful as Karpis' face lifting."

He said Dr. Moran came from Chicago and was with the Karpis gang at various times when its members were hiding out in Cleveland and other cities.

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# THAT'S THAT

FEDERAL authorities will ask that the bail of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, be set at \$400,000. A desperado of his stripe should not be eligible to bail. Government agents have spent three years trying to capture him on kidnaping charges. Officials say he is wanted for numerous killings and assert he is "one of the most desperate characters in the history of the nation." When the law enforcement arm of the government gets hold of a criminal like Karpis it should hang onto him.

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here, a check showed today. Camp-  
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Miller, 33, and the girl gave her  
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The two were married by Justice  
Frank E. Smith of Bowling Green,  
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## TRAIL OF KARPIS TRACED

### Agents Reveal Outlaw, 'Baby Face' Met in S. F.

With Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, safe in the custody of Federal agents, an investigation of the gangster's movements prior to his capture, was started yesterday by G-men here and in Nevada.

During the time that officers throughout the country were searching for the public enemy, Karpis on at least one occasion was in San Francisco.

He met the late George "Baby Face" Nelson, upon whose death from Federal machine guns, Karpis graduated to the public enemy No. 1 classification, in a San Francisco night club, government agents revealed.

#### NEGRI PAROLED.

Upon this occasion, Nelson tried to get Karpis to employ Joseph "Fatso" Negri as his chauffeur. Negri was the Nelson gang chauffeur at the time the "Baby Face" gang was in California and Nevada. During the Nelson harboring indictments, he turned State's evidence, and was paroled.

Details of the meeting between Karpis and Nelson in San Francisco were secured from Negri, government agents revealed. Karpis refused to hire Negri, saying that the latter "looked too much like a hoodlum."

#### LIVED IN RENO.

Federal agents know that

Karpis lived in Reno under the name of "Burns" several years ago, and believe he may have returned to Reno to hide out after the Bremer kidnaping.

Several citizens of Auburn, Calif., and surrounding towns have identified Karpis as a man seen in that district in 1934, it was learned. Once G-men rushed to a gold mine near Auburn on a tip that Karpis was planning to raid a gold shipment. It was believed he may have hidden in the abandoned mines and "ghost towns" of California's mother lode country.

#### HOSPITAL PATIENT.

Thomas "Tobe" Williams, manager of a hospital at Vallejo, who is now on parole on his conviction of harboring the late "Baby Face," revealed that Federal agents claim Karpis was a patient in his hospital in 1933. He denied any knowledge of the presence of the outlaw in Vallejo.

A little more than a year ago, eighteen persons, including Negri and Williams, were indicted here by a Federal Grand Jury for harboring Nelson, who was killed in November, 1934.

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### Campbell to Stand Trial With Karpis in St. Paul

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 7.—Mopping up the last of the desperate Barker-Karpis gang of robbers and kidnapers, Federal agents seized Harry Campbell in an early morning raid today in Toledo, O.

They rushed him here by chartered plane to stand trial with Alvin Karpis for the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

The agents and their chief, J. Edgar Hoover, also captured Sam Coker, minor member of the gang and an Oklahoma parole violator.

More than a year ago Campbell and Karpis shot their way out of an Atlantic City (N. J.) police trap, kidnaping Dr. Horatio H. Hunsicker, of Allentown, Pa., in their flight.

Karpis, the cringing, deflated pub-

lic enemy No. 1, violating the code of the underworld, apparently turned his erstwhile friends and partners in many crimes over to the G-men.

#### Raid Follows Quickly.

It was only a few hours after Federal agents here finished 103 hours of almost continuous grilling of Karpis that Hoover and other G-men walked to the door of an apartment in Toledo, knocked and commanded:

"Open up the door or there'll be trouble!"

The door was opened by Camp-

bell's wife, and the Government men piled in, their sawed-off shotguns and pistols in readiness. Hoover said later:

"He put up a little resistance, but it was nothing to speak of. These fellows are all yellow, you know."

Hoover flew from Washington to Toledo last night to make the Campbell-Coker arrests, but he did not come on to St. Paul as he did in the case of Karpis. He returned to Washington.

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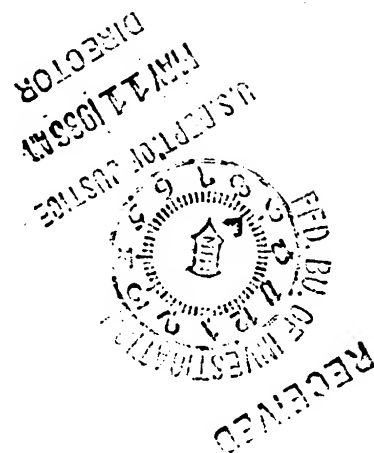
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## HIGH KARPIS BAIL SOUGHT

ST. PAUL, May 4. (AP)—Dist. Atty. Sullivan said today he will ask bail of \$400,000, believed to be the largest amount ever demanded in this country, when Alvin Karpis is arraigned on charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm.

Stressing that Karpis is wanted for numerous killings and branding him as "one of the most desperate characters in the history of this nation," Sullivan said he will ask that \$100,000 be set for each of the four charges on which the gangster was indicted.

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#### ENEMY NO. 1 NABBED

Alvin Karpis, long sought public enemy, was caught today in a New Orleans apartment in a raid conducted by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Department of Justice.

## DESPERADO TRAPPED BY FEDERAL MEN

### Long Sought for Kidnapings

Public Enemy No. 1 Seized  
in New Orleans With  
Two Others

NEW ORLEANS, May 1. (AP)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced the capture of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, here tonight. David Magee, head of the Bureau of Investigation here, said Karpis was captured in a downtown apartment with Fred Hunter, 37 years of age, wanted in a huge mail robbery, and a woman whose name was not disclosed.

#### NOT A SHOT FIRED

He said the three surrendered to Federal agents about 5:30 p.m., when called upon to give themselves up.

The arrest, Magee said, was at 3343 Canal street. The men were in an apartment on the first floor of the building and were leaving the house to enter an automobile when the agents surrounded them.

"The agents called upon them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot," Magee said.

#### SOUGHT AS KIDNAPER

Only last week the Department of Justice announced a \$5000 reward would be paid for information leading to the capture of Karpis, wanted as the kidnaper of William Hamm, St. Paul capitalist.

Seven other members of the gang are behind bars in St. Paul awaiting trial for the kidnaping.

Of the original members of the Barker-Karpis gang, perpetrators of a score of bank robberies and other crimes, "Ma" Barker, her son Fred, and another mobster have been slain by Federal guns.

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## HOOVER REBUKES TOLEDO SHERIFF

Says "Any One Could Have Recognized Campbell," and Hits "Friendship" Story.

By the Associated Press.

J. Edgar Hoover said today, "It seems to me that any one could have recognized Harry Campbell from his pictures which were plastered on nearly every wall in the country."

Hoover was replying to comment of the Toledo, Ohio, sheriff and police chief, in connection with his arrest of the pal of Alvin Karpis in Toledo yesterday.

"The sheriff (at Toledo) has already admitted associating with this man (Campbell) for weeks," Hoover said, when told today that Sheriff James O'Reilly said he never suspected that the friend he knew as "Bob Miller" was really the fugitive Campbell.

Chief Ray Allen of the Toledo police had inquired why his men were not called into the raiding party which captured Campbell. He reminded Hoover of a recent statement in which certain local officers were criticized.

"My statement was broader than the chief of police seems to make it," Hoover said. "I said I wouldn't co-operate with any department that was corrupt, inefficient or publicly mad. As to his department, the chief of police is in better position to judge than I am."

"I'm not going to enter into any controversy with these people."

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Karpis became known nationally after federal agents killed Kate "Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, in a gun battle in Florida.

## KARPIS SCARS KEY TO DOCTOR MYSTERY

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CHICAGO, May 5. — Two small scars beneath the ears of Alvin Karpis, recently captured public enemy number 1 were believed today to hold the key to a score of gangland's deepest mysteries.

The two scars—if they could talk—or if Karpis would talk—probably would cast light on the ultimate fate of a shadowy Chicago figure, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, physician extraordinary to Chicago gangsters. "Doc" Moran, reputed to have put those scars on Karpis in an attempted "face-changing" operation, is said to have been thrown to the bottom of Lake Erie by gangsters near Toledo in 1935 because he had a weakness for drink—and talk.

### WOMAN, MAN SEIZED WITH KARPIS HIDDEN AWAY BY G-MEN

By Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS, May 5.—Ruth Robinson, the pretty "woman in white" who was taken into custody here last Friday with Alvin Karpis, the alleged St. Paul kidnaper, was spirited away from the Federal building early today by bureau of investigation officers.

Fred Hunter, her companion in the Karpis case, who is an Ohio mail robbery suspect, was slipped out of the building by another group of federal agents.

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## HOOVER 'ANSWERED' THREATS BY KARPIS

Took Part in Capture Because Gunman Had Planned to Kill Him

By WALTER WINCHELL

(Copyright, 1936, Universal Service, Inc.)  
New York, May 4.—The "inside" on why J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-Men, personally supervised the capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans was because "Public Rat No. 1" (as Hoover calls him) had threatened to shoot and kill Hoover on sight.

Then, too, Senator McKellar of Tennessee, at a recent hearing in Washington concerning appropriations for the federal bureau of investigation, heckled Hoover with:

"Tell me, Mr. Hoover—did you ever make an arrest?"

From reliable information this reporter learned that when Karpis was cornered exiting from his apartment in New Orleans, the bank burglar and murderer sarcastically said:

"I see we've met."  
"Yes," said Hoover, "and if my memory serves you were going to kill me."

"I would have," replied Karpis, "if I had the chance."

May Get "Break"

The jailing of Karpis in St. Paul where he will stand trial for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., for \$100,000 ransom may give Karpis "the break." If found guilty Karpis will get a life term at Alcatraz, instead of death in Missouri, where he is charged with murdering a sheriff.

"Are you glad it is all over?" Hoover asked Karpis in the plane bound for St. Paul.

Karpis replied that he intended to fight the charges because "the longer I fight it, the longer it will be before I go to Alcatraz."

In the car that took Karpis to the federal bureau's offices in New Orleans, he turned to the girl captured with him and said:

"You see! If you listened to me you wouldn't be in this."

Karpis explained to the G-Men that he had urged Ruth Robinson, nicknamed "Connie," an Arkansas girl, to "go home" two days before the capture.

Explains Reason for Crime

"And Hunter's a dope, too," said Karpis. "I told him to take in the baseball game. If he'd done that you wouldn't have nailed him either."

"Why did you go in for crime?"

"I've seen too many people hungry and without jobs," he answered, "and I made up my mind a long time ago that I wouldn't be like them."

The apartment in which Karpis, Hunter and the Robinson girl lived "was appointed in extravagant taste," said a G-man. "It was lucky for passersby that we got Karpis without firing a shot, for the crowd was as thick as the crowds you see at 42d and Fifth avenue during the rush hour. We might have hurt someone by shooting."

When they asked him about the 16 bank burglaries, the four mail robberies, three kidnaps and four murders, of which he stands accused, Karpis was stubborn in answering.

"Why Don't You Kill Me?"

"You're going to kill me, anyway," he said, trembling, "so why talk? Why don't you kill me now and get it over with?"

"No one is going to bother you," he was told, "unless you get fresh. We don't kill people unless they start killing first. Besides, you've seen too many G-men movies!"

The government men believe that a plastic surgeon who did a poor job on Karpis' facial renovation was murdered "and thrown into Lake Erie." Not because his surgery didn't click, it was said, but because "he started talking when he was drunk, which was often."

When they were taking Karpis from the New Orleans offices to the airport, the car stopped for the traffic signals at a corner where a newsboy offered a newspaper to Karpis (whom he didn't recognize) and said:

"Paper! Read all about Public Enemy No. 1 being captured!"

Other Arrests Due

Karpis turned to Hoover, smiled, and said:

"Would you be so kind as to read it to me? I want to go to sleep."

The arrest of Karpis, it was pointed out, doesn't "end this case." There will be several arrests in various cities of venal politicians (some police executives) who harbored and abetted Karpis and his henchmen.

"A lot of them are sick to their middles," remarked a G-man, "from worrying already. Karpis is going to have the pleasure of their company again—very soon."

The Robinson girl was not living with Karpis—she was the companion of Hunter.

Karpis told his captors he had given up "steady girl friends." They were so much excess baggage when "you are in a hurry," he said.

Politics Real "Public Enemy"

"Who was the 'Woman in Red' in this case?" a reporter asked Hoover here.

"There was none," Hoover replied.

"Since you have captured Karpis, who is Public Enemy No. 1 now?" he was asked. Hoover laughed.

"Old Man Politics," he replied quickly. "He is now, he was and he always will be Public Enemy No. 1, locally, in the states and nationally. It's only the papers that number the public enemies."

Someone mentioned Hoover's men going in secretly and superceding local police authorities when working on a case.

"We always try to co-operate with local authorities," Hoover explained, "if one or more of three factors are not present. These are: Inefficiency, dishonesty and publicity-made police or officials."

Hoover said he came here to finish several cases on which he was working when he got the call advising him Karpis had been located. He declined to name the cases, but said his department was doing nothing in the Wendel case in Brooklyn "as it is being handled satisfactorily."

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## STEP RIGHT IN, MR. KARPIS!



Men and evidence in the cases against Alvin Karpis for the Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm kidnappings are shown in the pictures, as well as the jail to which he came here from New Orleans and a former associate, now a prisoner in Cleveland. Upper left is Clinton Stein, agent in charge of the Department of Justice here. At the top, Thomas J. Gibbons, Ramsey county sheriff, hospitably holds open cell doors for the No. 1 public enemy. Center left is George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney. Left below is John Brock as he was booked Thursday in Cleveland charged with a \$46,000 Erie mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, for which Karpis and others also are wanted. Lower right James Lynch, deputy clerk of Federal district court here, is holding an empty gasoline can which figured in the trial of other Bremer case defendants here. Government fingerprint experts testified they found Karpis' fingerprints on it as well as those of Arthur (Doc) Barker, now a lifer at Alcatraz prison.

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## HARBORERS OF CRIMINALS TO BE ROUNDED UP

G-Men Are Expected to Go  
After Dishonest Poli-  
ticians, Too.

### LONE KIDNAPER FREE

Speedy Trial of Mahan in  
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By United Press.  
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### Face Trial in Kidnaping

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Hoover revealed that arrests were  
imminent in the Cleveland, O.,  
area where, he said, members of the  
Barker-Karpis gang had been har-  
bored by persons accepted as re-  
spectable in their communities. He  
intimated no person who aided any  
of the recently captured fugitives  
would escape. He revealed that  
Campbell and Karpis had escaped  
capture months ago only because  
they had been tipped off by  
"crooked Cleveland politicians with  
police connections."

Hoover again denounced crooked  
politicians. They were, he said, the  
real public enemies.

### Nabbed Six Hours Apart

Campbell and Mahan were cap-  
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## U.S. AGENTS TO GO AFTER HARBORERS OF FUGITIVES NOW

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millions. His confederates—Harmon Waley and his wife—are serving long prison sentences. From the Waley's, the G-men recovered \$95,000 of the ransom money. Of the \$105,000 that was Mahan's share they have recovered approximately \$55,000 and expected to recover most of the remainder.

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Hoover said his bureau would now "work in earnest" on the apprehension of Robinson, who was a Tennessee lawyer before he turned kidnaper and collected \$50,000 from Mrs. Stoll's wealthy husband.

### Traced Kidnap Money.

Hoover said Mahan was captured when agents traced the Weyerhaeuser kidnap money, that he had been spending freely along the Pacific coast. He had attempted to alter serial numbers on several bills.

Campbell, known as the "right man" of Karpis, was carrying \$2,900 in his pockets. In addition to the kidnappings, he was sought for mail robberies and for shooting his way, with Karpis, out of an Atlantic City, N. J., hotel last year.

Hoover hinted he believed United States postal inspectors had failed to cooperate in apprehension of Campbell.

"I can only say the department of justice received no help of any kind from the postal inspection service in these cases," he said.

The department also plans to start in earnest on fugitives from justice who cross from one state to another, he said. "Then," he added, "There are the ~~jewel~~ and bond packets that must be broken up."

## Mahan, Under Guard in Tacoma Cell, Apparently Is Enjoying Notoriety

By United Press.  
TACOMA, WASH., May 8.—Apparently enjoying the notoriety and attention, William Mahan Friday was held under heavy guard in a federal cell at the city police station awaiting arraignment later in the day on a charge of kidnaping.

George Hunt Weyerhaeuser for \$200,000 ransom.

Mahan grinned broadly as he was hustled through a crowd at Tacoma airport Thursday night. He was brought here by plane from San Francisco where he was captured.

He is under indictment on charges of kidnaping and extortion, with bail set at \$100,000 on each charge.

Approximately \$125,000 of the \$200,000 ransom collected from the Weyerhaeuser family has been recovered. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice in Washington, reported federal agents found \$7,300 on Mahan when he was captured.

### Find \$13,000 in Car.

San Francisco authorities reported another \$13,000 was found in an automobile parked near the spot of Mahan's capture.

Federal agents recovered \$15,155 when they seized a car in Butte, Mont., June 9, 1935, when Mahan abandoned his machine to escape arrest.

On the same day Herman Metz Waley and his wife, Margaret, convicted accomplices of Mahan in the kidnaping, were arrested in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Waley led federal agents to a \$90,000 cache of the ransom money. Both the Waleys were convicted on kidnaping and extortion charges.

### Silent Regarding Details.

Waley escaped the life penalty provided in the federal kidnaping law because the smatching of the Weyerhaeuser heir was not accompanied by violence. There was some belief Mahan would enter a not guilty plea and trust to the same legal point to escape a possible death penalty.

Federal officials on the west coast maintained silence with regard to details of the pursuit and capture of Mahan.

It was believed, however, that Mahan's capture was brought about by a woman. Sheriff Larry Weir of Butte reported to San Francisco authorities that a woman in Butte had received a letter with a Fulton street return address.

Weir's letter said the woman had been living under the name of William Dainard—Mahan's true name—while the much-sought fugitive was in western Montana.

## Campbell Undergoes Relentless Grilling

ST. PAUL, May 8.—(UP)—Harry Campbell, last of the Barker-Karpis gang, Friday underwent the same relentless questioning that forced his former leader, Alvin Karpis to "squeal" on him.

Federal agents intended to pry every bit of information they could from the crippled Karpis aide before giving him up for trial in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Campbell's admissions, if any probably will not alter plans to try him in the Bremer case, for which he has been indicted on counts of actual kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap. Apparently he has not been connected with the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. for which Karpis will be tried.

Agents admittedly hoped to extract from their captives the information necessary for arrest of persons suspected of assisting them in escaping after their crimes.

Unless he chooses to plead guilty, Campbell will be tried in the federal court for the Bremer kidnaping. Karpis may be tried first in the Hamm case, and then brought back to trial with Campbell in the Bremer case.



## KARPIS WED IN NEW YORK

HOT SPRINGS WOMAN THE CAPTURED GANGSTER'S WIFE.

The Two Lived in Arkansas From Last September Until Shortly Before New Orleans Raid, She Says.

(By the Associated Press.)

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., May 8.—Mrs. Grace Goldstein, 30-year-old, quiet-spoken blonde, said here tonight that she and Alvin Karpis, captured public enemy No. 1, were married in New York City last September 25.

She said they had been married under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Ed

Woods and had lived in Hot Springs since that time until shortly before Karpis's arrest at New Orleans last week.

Mrs. Goldstein returned here today after an absence of twelve days, saying she had been detained by federal agents while Karpis and the last of his gang were being rounded up by the department of justice.

Mrs. Goldstein said she would "rather not say" when asked where she and Karpis were married, but said "it was in New York City during the Baer-Louis fight."

"I know I shouldn't have fallen in love with him, but he was so kind-hearted. All those boys are that way," said Mrs. Goldstein.

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# Friends of Gangsters Wanted Next by G-Men

## Hoover Says Fugitives Re- ceived Help; Robinson Search Speeded

By United Press

An indication that the next major field of the Federal Government's G-Men will be the shadowy connections between dishonest politicians and the underworld was seen today in the jubilant announcement of J. Edgar Hoover that only one of the kidnapers who harassed the nation for over three years, remains at large.

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### Kidnap 'Brains' in Custody



Harry Campbell (handcuffed), reputed "brains" of the Karpis kidnap gang, as he was being rushed into the Federal building at St. Paul after G-men captured him at Toledo yesterday.

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# J. EDGAR HOOVER LEADS G-MEN IN SUCCESSFUL RAID

Long-Sought Bandit and  
Companion Wanted in  
Mail Robbery Seized on  
Canal Street

CAPTURE EFFECTED  
WITH DRAMATIC EASE

Operatives Armed With  
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Make Arrest as Hood-  
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J. Edgar Hoover, head of the fed-  
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Removed by Plane  
About 8:30 p. m., Karpis, manacled  
and under heavy guard, was placed  
aboard a chartered plane of the  
Transcontinental Western Airways at  
Shushan Airport and whisked away  
to an unannounced destination.  
From Memphis, it was reported  
that the plane was expected there  
between 10:30 and 11 p. m., but as  
for Mr. Hoover and his aids, their  
plans were guarded with the utmost  
secrecy. Mr. Hoover was reported to  
be one of more than a half dozen  
officers aboard the plane with Kar-  
pis.

Hunter and the woman in the case  
were held here for further ques-  
tioning.

The woman refused to give her  
name, and David W. Magee, chief  
of the New Orleans office of the  
bureau of investigation, said that  
"we will not know who she is until  
her fingerprints are sent to Wash-  
ington."

Mr. Hoover had been in New Or-  
leans for the past three days. More  
than a dozen other G-men were  
brought in to reinforce the person-  
nel of the local office of the bureau  
in the hunt for Karpis.

The big plane in which Karpis was  
taken from New Orleans landed at  
Shushan Airport Thursday night. It  
was reported to have brought six fed-  
eral officers to the city. The pilot  
stood by at the airport from the  
time of the plane's arrival until its  
departure.

The source of the information  
which led to the apprehension of  
Karpis was not disclosed. Mr. Hoo-  
ver and Mr. Magee refused to dis-  
cuss the case further than to say  
that the fugitive had been captured.

The government officers, in their  
capture of the long-hunted Karpis,  
pursued almost the same tactics as  
in the slaying of John Dillinger in  
Chicago.

More than a score of officers sur-  
rounded the apartment house, wait-  
ed until Karpis and his companions  
emerged and then closed in with  
drawn guns. Karpis offered no re-  
sistance.

Raises His Hands

At the first command of the G-  
men to "stick 'em up," Karpis  
turned quickly, hesitated for a mo-  
ment and then raised his hands. His  
companions did likewise.

The trio was hustled into an auto-  
mobile and hurried to the postoffice  
building, where identification of Kar-  
pis was verified.

So quietly was the arrest executed,  
only a few persons were aware that  
one of the most intensive man hunts  
of modern times was being drawn to  
a close. Not a shot was fired, and  
few words were spoken after the one  
command for the gangsters to sur-  
render.

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**Had No Coat**  
 Karpis has the new been laid for Karpis? Hoover was asked.  
 "For the past two years."  
 "But how long in New Orleans?"  
 "Oh, we've known he's been in and out of New Orleans for the past two months and have been on his trail."  
 "How many men participated in the capture?"  
 "We never give out figures."  
 "Did he offer any resistance?"  
 "He never had a chance. There were too many guns on him. We got him sitting in the automobile."  
 "Was Karpis armed?"  
 "Yes, he had a gun."

**Wears No Coat**  
 Karpis, wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers, but no coat, was led out of the bureau's office in the postoffice building between two burly G-men.

**Karpis Apartment**  
 Karpis rented the apartment on Canal street exactly three weeks prior to his arrest, according to Mrs. J. S. Meyer, 139 South Rendon street, owner and manager of the apartment building.

He paid rent for one month and told Mrs. Meyer, she said, that he expected to remain with "my wife" for two or three months. Prior to his occupancy of the apartment he had purchased from Mrs. Meyer's son-in-law, Clarence A. Pucheu, of the Rendon street address, an automobile salesman, the car which he used in New Orleans.

Mrs. Meyer expressed surprise following the arrest that her tenant, who had told her his name was "Ed O'Hara," was Karpis.

"I can't believe it, I just can't believe it," she said, repeatedly.

**'Not Scared or Nervous'**

"He was such a nice, quiet little man. He is just a boy. I can't imagine such a slim fellow, being as bad as they say he is. And his wife is very nice."

Mrs. Meyer asserted that Karpis was "not a bit scared or nervous," and never displayed large amounts of money.

The apartment house manager related how Karpis had aided her only Friday afternoon, about 2:30 o'clock, in breaking a lock on a door leading to a basement storeroom. She had lost the key to the lock.

"He was very nice about it," she said. "He couldn't do anything with the lock at first, but I told him to go ahead and break it. That's the way we got in the storeroom."

Edward Hoffman, who lives in the house behind the building in which Karpis had an apartment, said he had rented parking space in his yard to the desperado.

"I saw him three times," Hoffman said. "He came up to me, did not mention his name, told me he stayed in the corner apartment, and asked if he could keep the car in my yard for a few days because he was afraid it would be stolen if left in the street."

"I said I guessed it would be all right and told him I thought \$3 would be a fair price. He took the bills out of his pocket right then and paid me."

**Seemed All Right**  
 "I didn't pay much attention to him, seeing him only a few times and I didn't size him up at all. He seemed all right."  
 John Campbell, janitor of the apartment building, said he knew Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with slight impediment in his speech, and only as "Mr. O'Hara."

Campbell said he had talked to him chiefly about fishing.

The janitor said he was burning trash near the side of the building at the time of the arrest.

"I happened to look up and I saw Mr. O'Hara standing between two bushes near the curb between me and the corner. He was without his hat and his hands were tied with black cord."

"There was a man on each side of him. One of them had a machine gun and the other had a revolver. I walked over toward where he was and someone said, 'Get back there!'"

"O'Hara" (Karpis) was the first person arrested, the janitor said, and that "O'Hara" and the woman, who posed as his wife, were the only two of the arrested persons living in the apartment house.

The third person "came over every night and talked with them," he said.

Addison Cole, 17-year-old high

School student, who lives in the apartment, said that when he got off a streetcar Friday afternoon he saw a man wearing a straw hat, glasses and wash trousers (later identified as Hunter) working across the sidewalk.

"A woman," Cole said, "was walking behind him. One man was walking on each side of him and another man accompanied the woman. At the same time a third prisoner (Karpis) was being put into an automobile by a couple of men. He seemed to be resisting to some extent."

**All Armed**

"The G-men left with the three prisoners and six more government men remained hidden behind a hedge, one with a sawed-off shotgun, one with an automatic rifle and the rest with pistols."

"I saw one man kicking at a side door. Some others were hustling the crowds away. Finally, one of the men sent for the janitor to open the side door. I went to enter the back door and a man stopped me and searched a bundle I had under my arm. Then he let me go in. I went inside and there was another man in the janitor's room."

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

"Old Creepy"—He won that sobriquet because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—was hated and feared by members of his mob.

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big-time burglars, bank robbers, killer and kidnaper. He was sought widely after spectacular bank raids in which blood flowed freely, but the hunt was intensified after the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul bank president, in January, 1934. The banker, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living hell" for 21 days.

**Born in Canada**

The desperado was born in Canada on August 10, 1909. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kans. He was the only boy in the family but had three sisters.

When 16 years old, he was arrested in Topeka for stealing tires. Convicted of second-degree burglary, he was sent to the state industrial reformatory at Hutchinson, Kans., for a 10-year term.

the Kansas reformatory he met Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton. The two sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years. Devol now is serving a life term for a sensational Minneapolis bank holdup in which two patrolmen were slain. Karpis also took part in that crime, Devol admitted.

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at Kansas City March 23, 1930. They were riding in a car packed with safe-blowing equipment. Karpis was sent back to the Kansas reformatory. When knives were found in his possession, he was transferred to the state penitentiary in Lansing, Kans., on May 19, 1930. A year later he was freed.

#### Serving Life Terms

A month later he landed in Tulsa, Okla., the headquarters of the Barker family—"Ma" Kate Barker, Freddie, Arthur, who also was known as "Doc," Herman and Lloyd. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Ocala, Fla., after a six-hour gunfight with federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the Lansing, Kans., penitentiary and became friends. It was there they plotted a \$5000 jewel robbery at Henryetta, Okla.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla. Barker eluded officers but his pal was sentenced September 11, 1931, to four years in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

But the No. 1 badman never was taken to prison to serve that term, for after serving three months in the county jail during and shortly after his trial, he was paroled by the trial judge.

#### Killed Sheriff

Shortly after his parole Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was December 19, 1931. Freddie Barker was with him when the sheriff was slain.

The sheriff had walked into a garage to question Karpis and Barker about a robbery the previous night in West Plains. Federal agents who know the "inside" say neither had anything to do with the West Plains holdup. But the outlaws were "too hot" to take any chances. And besides, Karpis was on probation.

The Barker boys and Karpis became close pals, in crime. "Ma" Barker thought a good deal of Karpis. And "Old Creepy" liked her, too.

One night while Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her boys were sitting around the kitchen table in a South Robert street address in St. Paul, which Attorney-General Cummings once designated as "the poison spot of crime," a tip came that "the cops are on their way over." At that time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

Only 10 days ago a federal grand jury in St. Paul indicted Karpis and six others for the \$100,000 kidnapping of Hamm, June 15, 1933. With the arrest of Karpis all of those accused

are in custody. One of the seven is Arthur (Doc) Barker, other half of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer, January 17, 1934.

#### Others Indicted

Others indicted with Karpis for the Hamm abduction were Byron Bolton, reputed machine gunner for the Karpis-Barker gang, awaiting sentence in St. Paul after pleading guilty several months ago to aiding in kidnaping Bremer;

Elmer Farmer, former Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper now serving 20 years in Leavenworth federal prison through conviction for arranging the Bensenville hideout for the Bremer kidnaping;

Jack Pelfer, St. Paul night club operator, released Thursday on \$100,000 bail;

Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, 60-year-old former convict;

Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, whose home was identified by Hamm as the place of his confinement for four days.

#### Karpis' Father Told of Capture

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago, May 1.—John Karpavics, law-abiding father of the nation's No. 1 public enemy, was noncommittal tonight at news of Alvin Karpis' capture in New Orleans.

"Why tell me about it?" he demanded. His wife, Anna, speaks little English and that brokenly.

Karpis—"Old Creepy" to his underworld associates—was born Raymond Karpavics.

His parents are janitors of a Chicago apartment building. Though they themselves were hardworking parents, their son early turned to petty thievery and graduated from reform school into a career of major crime.

#### FAMILY IS GLAD 'NO ONE WAS HURT'

(By The Associated Press)

Topeka, Kans., May 1.—Andrew J. Grooms, quarry worker and brother-in-law of Alvin Karpis, said tonight the family was "glad no one was hurt" in the capture of the outlaw.

He met newspapermen at the door of his home here, refusing to permit them to talk to his wife, Karpis' sister.

"She's inside crying," he said, "and I am sure she has nothing to say."

"It's been several years since my wife saw Alvin," he said. "We've not heard from him in a long time except to read what the papers have said about him."

"I've kept myself out of it, of course, but I don't think Alvin is as bad as they painted him. Of course, I guess he has done some things he should not have done."

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# CAPTURE MADE IN NEW ORLEANS WITHOUT A SHOT

## Desperado Is Taken Away by Plane.

(Pictures on Back Page.)

New Orleans, La., May 1.—[Special.]—Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, killer, and robber who generally has been regarded as America's public enemy No. 1 since John Dillinger and George [Baby Face] Nelson were slain in Illinois, was captured here late this afternoon by federal agents.

Leading the detachment of twenty men who surrounded Karpis was J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation, department of justice, who came here three days ago to take charge of the search for the desperado.

Less than four hours after his seizure Karpis, heavily manacled and accompanied by six agents, was placed on an airplane here and started for an unannounced destination. The most plausible guess was that he was being taken to St. Paul, Minn., where he is under indictment for kidnaping William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer. Hamm paid \$100,000 ransom and Bremer \$200,000.

### Mail Robbery Suspect Caught.

With Karpis when the agents urged around an automobile he just had entered in front of an apartment house at 3343 Canal street were Fred Hunter, 37, and a woman identified only as "Ruth" by the arresting forces. Hunter, it was said, is wanted by the government in connection with a \$46,000 holdup of an Erie railroad mail train at Garrettsville, O., last November.

According to the agents, the woman, Ruth, attractive with red hair and about 21 years old, had been living with Karpis. Hunter had a home nearby, but was in the habit of visiting the couple almost daily.

Neither of the men offered any resistance, although Karpis, coatless and wearing a straw hat, carried a pistol under his trousers belt.

### No Chance to Resist.

"They had no opportunity to resist," said Hoover. "Our men, who were concealed about the entrance to the place, were upon them before they could get into action. Six of the agents pointed sawed off shotguns at the pair and they gave up at once."

Persons passing on the street—the scene was half a mile from the city's main business district—said six agents had concealed themselves behind a hedge adjoining the apartment building.

Following the arrest the prisoners were taken to the bureau of investigation headquarters in the federal building for questioning. What they said was not revealed. Hoover, however, obviously was greatly pleased with his catch; particularly in view of the fact that Karpis wrote a letter to him last summer in which he stated he was going to make it his personal business to kill the head of the department of justice investigators.

### Two Year Hunt Ends.

"We have been on the trail of Karpis for two years," said Hoover. "For the past two months he has been dodging in and out of New Orleans and we have been awaiting an opportunity to catch him here. Another thing, Karpis is not public enemy No. 1 to us."

He declined to tell who has that ranking with the department of justice.

The janitor of the apartment building in which Karpis was residing said he had used the name O'Hara there. He described the noted criminal as a man of pleasant manners with slight impediment in his speech.

Only eight days ago the attorney general of the United States issued circulars offering a reward of \$5,000 for information that would result in the capture of Karpis. The postoffice department had offered an additional \$2,000, supposedly because he was implicated in the Garrettsville mail train robbery. Five bandits were involved in that crime and they obtained \$46,000 in cash and securities.

### Hunter's Career Short.

Hunter, who is 37 years old, has only a short criminal record. Just how he and Karpis became companions was not made known. Hunter, however, almost certainly was one of the five machine gunners involved in the Garrettsville job, the federal agents said.

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The real name of Karpis, who is 26 years old, is Karpavicz. His father John, and his mother Anna, who are law abiding and much distressed at the career taken up by their son, reside at 2842 North Francisco avenue, Chicago, where John is the janitor of an apartment building.

Karpis was born in Canada, but was taken by his parents when he was a small boy to Topeka, Kas. In his school days he was the best marble player in Topeka.

#### Arrested First at 16.

When he was only 16 he was arrested on a charge of stealing automobile tires. He was given a heavy sentence, ten years in the state industrial reformatory of Kansas. This long term, and a slugging which he claimed a guard gave him in the place, embittered him against society, according to his relatives.

After serving three years Karpis and Lawrence Devol, who later became a notorious bank robber, sawed through the bars of the prison and escaped. The two men were arrested in Kansas City in March, 1930, when carrying safe blowing equipment in a car. Karpis was sent to the state penitentiary at Lansing, but was freed on parole in the spring of 1931.

#### Joins Barker Gang.

He then went to Tulsa, Okla., where he got in touch with a congenial gang headed by Kate (Ma) Barker, a middle aged virago, who handled a machine gun with the best of them she knew, and her two sons, Arthur (Doc) and Fred Barker. Karpis went into partnership with them.

It was as co-leader with Doc Barker of the Barker-Karpis gang that young Alvin became most notorious.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa, was tried for robbery, and found guilty. He was sentenced to four years in prison, but was paroled almost immediately. He and the Barkers moved over into Missouri to carry on their banditry.

They were in West Plains, Mo., on Dec. 19, 1931, when Sheriff C. R. Kelly attempted to question them about a holdup. This was resented by Fred Barker and Karpis. They killed the sheriff and fled. The authorities at West Plains always have maintained they had a "hanging case" against Karpis, and already have asked that he be turned over to them for trial.

#### Find Haven in St. Paul.

The criminals moved on to St. Paul. There a strange interlude was staged. Mrs. Barker had married a second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap. She and her sons, as well as Karpis, suspected him of being a police informer. Dunlap was found mysteriously slain, and authorities believe that Ma and her boys and Karpis did the job.

From their St. Paul headquarters the gang pushed out, committed their swift crimes, and returned to hide. They are credited with holding up banks in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Brainerd, Minn., and Sioux Falls, S. D., and with a federal reserve mail bank robbery in Chicago. Then came the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings. It was estimated that the gang obtained nearly \$500,000 by crime in two years.

But the relentless efforts of federal and state authorities thinned the ranks of this vicious mob. Arthur (Doc) Barker is serving a life sentence on Alcatraz island for the Bremer kidnaping. Fred and Ma, seeking to retire and hide in Florida, were overtaken in the Everglades on Jan. 16, 1935, and were shot to death. Ma died machine gun in hand.

Karpis had a narrow escape from

death on Jan. 20, 1935, when he was surrounded in a hotel at Atlantic City, N. J. He and a companion, Harry Campbell, shot their way through a cordon of policemen and fled the city in a stolen automobile. In Pennsylvania they kidnaped a physician and stole his car, which they abandoned later at Monroe, Mich.

Since then Karpis has been operating with less boldness. Now that he is captured he is only one of the noted lawbreakers whose careers have been halted by official vigilance. John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, and John Hamilton are dead. So is Pretty Boy Floyd. Clyde Barrow and his cigar smoking sweetheart, the poetess Bonnie Parker, died by the machine gun. Roger Touhy and George (Machine Gun) Kelly are serving long sentences for kidnaping.

Only recently it was disclosed that Edmund C. Bartholmey, former postmaster at Bensenville, Ill., arranged the hiding place where the Karpis gangsters kept Hamm a prisoner. He, too, is under arrest.

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**Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1,  
Captured in New Orleans  
J. Edgar Hoover Leads G-Men in Raid**

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**IN PRISON**—Roger Touhy, leader of gang of kidnapers, who is serving 99 years in Joliet.  
(Story on page 1.)



(Acme Photo.)

**CAPTURES KARPIS—**

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, leads agents in raid on New Orleans raid.  
(Story on page 1.)

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**A DESPERADO WHO WAS SLAIN**—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, shown here with one of his women friends, was a southwestern desperado eliminated from gang ranks when he was shot to death near East Liverpool, O., in October, 1934.  
[Acme Photo.] (Story on page 1.)



**FATHER LIVES HERE**  
—John Karpavicz, father of Alvin Karpis, who is resident of Chicago.  
(Story on page 1.)

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[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

**PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 SEIZED WITHOUT A SHOT BEING FIRED**—Alvin Karpis as he appeared in recent years (left) and at time of his first arrest in Kansas when 16 years old. Sought for kidnaping of William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer, Karpis was captured by federal agents in New Orleans late yesterday. (Story on page 1.)

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**OTHER MEMBERS OF KARPIS GANG SLAIN—**  
Kate (Ma) Barker and her son, Fred Barker, who was an  
associate of Alvin Karpis in crime. Both were slain by  
federal agents in gun battle on Jan. 16, 1935, at Oklawaha, Fla.  
[Associated Press Photos.] (Story on page 1.)

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[Acme Photos.]

**CAPTURE OF KARPIS RECALLS FATE OF DILLINGER AND HIS GANG**—Left to right: John Dillinger, George (Baby Face) Nelson and John Hamilton, three of the notorious gunmen of the past. Dillinger and Nelson met death by gunfire and Hamilton's body is believed to have been found buried near Oswego, Ill. *(Story on page 1.)*

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**HIS CAPTURE THINNED RANKS OF CRIMINALS—**  
George (Machine Gun) Kelly, like Alvin Karpis, a kidnaper who  
fell into hands of law. He led gang which kidnaped Charles  
F. Urschel in Oklahoma City and is now serving life term.  
(Acme Photo.) (Story on page 1.)

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## G-Men Trap Karpis, 'Enemy No. 1'



Apprehended by Federal agents under the personal direction of J. Edgar Hoover, Alvin Karpis, often called "Public Enemy No. 1," is shown (center) as officers hustled him into headquarters at New Orleans. Karpis, who had boasted he would never be taken alive, was captured along with a man and woman companion, without a shot being fired.—(Associated Press Photo.)

## Karpis as Youth



This photograph shows Alvin Karpis, public enemy, captured by Federal agents in New Orleans, as he appeared when 16 years old, an inmate of the reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan., sent up for burglary. He escaped in 1929.—(Associated Press Photo.)

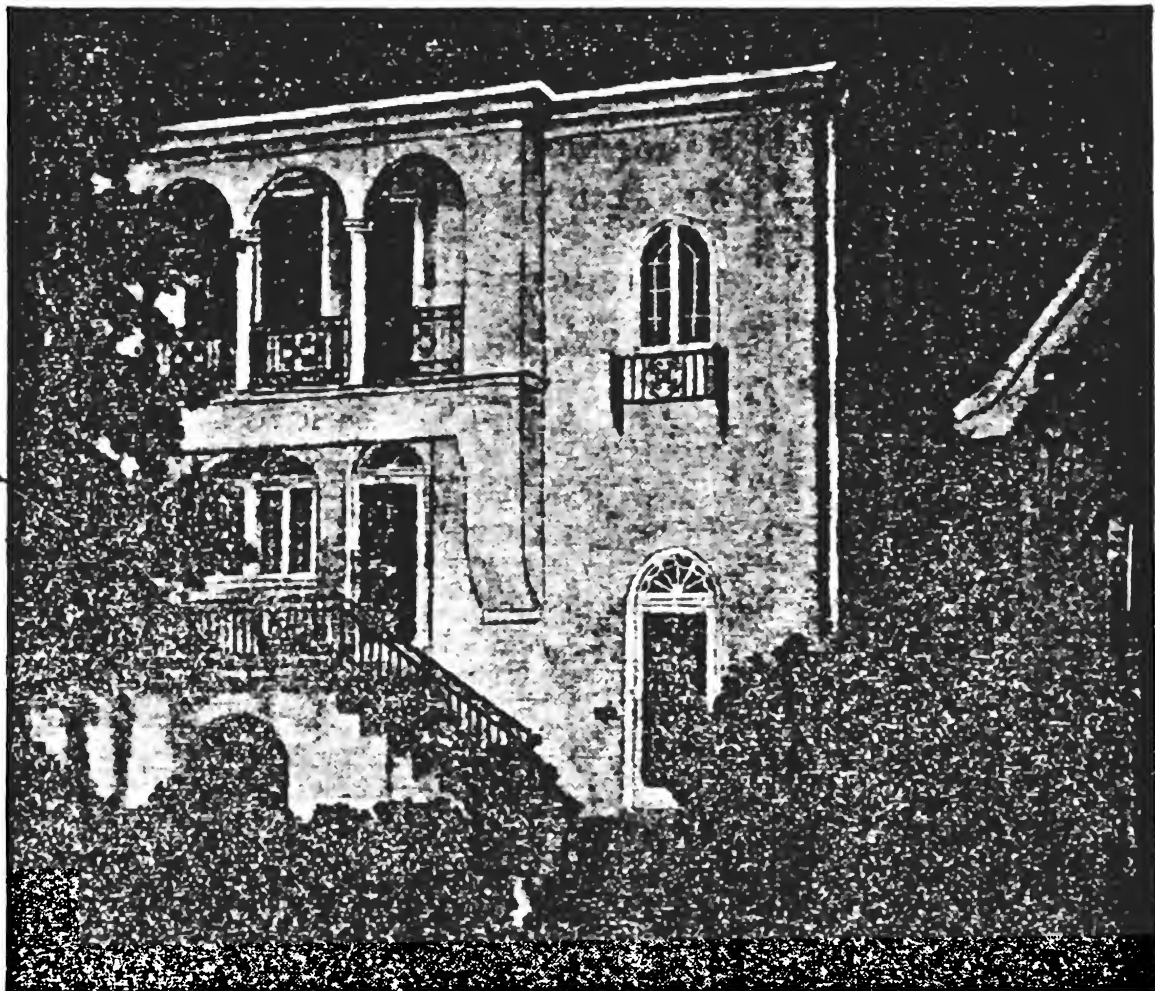
## Caught With Karpis



A man identified as Fred Hunter, 27 (above), was captured with Alvin Karpis by Federal agents in New Orleans. Hunter served a three-year term in the Ohio penitentiary and is wanted in connection with a \$45,000 postal robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio.—(Associated Press Photo.)

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### Where Hoover's Men Took Karpis by Surprise



As he left a ground floor apartment in this New Orleans building, Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," wanted for the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings in St. Paul, was seized by Federal agents led by J. Edgar Hoover. He had been living with a woman as "Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara." She also was taken, along with a male companion who gave the name of Fred Hunter.—(Associated Press Photo.)

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# Kidnaped Doctor 'Relieved' Over Karpis Capture

Physician Forced to Drive  
Fugitive Outlaws on  
Escape to Ohio

PHILADELPHIA, May 1 (AP)—The doctor Alvin Karpis kidnaped in making his escape to the midwest after shooting his way out of an Atlantic City hotel in January, 1935, was "relieved" tonight to hear the No. 1 bad man of the country had been captured.

"It's interesting and a relief to know he's been caught," said Dr. Horace W. Hunsicker of Allentown, who was forced at pistol point to drive Karpis and a "pal" across Pennsylvania and into Ohio in making good their escape.

"Of course, I wasn't personally worried about him any more," the young physician said. "I didn't expect him to trouble me again. But it is a relief to know they've got him."

## Stopped by Karpis

Dr. Hunsicker was stopped by the public enemy No. 1 and his friend, Harry Campbell, the night after they blasted their way out of the Atlantic City hotel.

They had come up from Florida with two "girl friends" and stopped in the hotel. Atlantic City police were notified to be on the lookout for an automobile, but were not informed the car was being driven by Karpis and Campbell, so they believed it a stolen car.

They spotted the car in a garage, found out the men who had parked it were in a hotel, and two officers went there to pick them up about noon on a Sunday.

## Escape Police

When the policemen knocked on the hotel room door and demanded it be opened, the two, dressed only in their underclothing, shot their way from the room, leaped in an automobile outside the hotel and sped westward.

Racing across New Jersey and into Pennsylvania, they abandoned the car there, stopped Dr. Hunsicker as he was driving from Allentown to Philadelphia and forced him to take them to Medina, Ohio.

There they dumped him, bound and gagged, into a vacant lot, and sped off in his car. He freed himself and notified authorities.

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# 'G' Men Capture Outlaw Without Firing of Bullet

Federal Men Also Nab Friend, Wanted for Ohio Mail Robbery, and Woman as They Enter Car

## TRIO LOCKED IN SECRET CELLS

J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of Bureau, Leads Officers in Smooth Working Scheme to Gather in Dangerous Gangmen

**Resume of Karpis Case:** Alvin Karpis, ringleader of the Karpis-Barker gang of outlaws, started out as a petty thief at 16, rapidly "graduated" as a big time bank robber, kidnaper and killer and became Public Enemy No. 1 after John Dillinger and George (Baby Face) Nelson were mowed down by federal guns.

Wanted for the ransom abductions of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and Theodore A. Hamm Jr., brewing company president, Karpis and a companion were trapped in an Atlantic City hotel in January, 1935. They met the police with blazing weapons, and, clad only in underwear, shot their way out, since when Karpis had not been seen.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1 (AP)—Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1 of the United States, was captured tonight at a downtown apartment building without the firing of a shot by a squad of between 15 and 20 officers led by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation.

Karpis, under indictment in the kidnappings of William A. Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul, Minn., brewer, and Edward George Bremer, also of St. Paul, Minn., was taken into custody with Fred Hunter, 37, suspect in the \$43,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery, and a woman whose name was not revealed.

### Makes Announcement

Hoover himself made the announcement of the capture of the three persons as they emerged from an apartment building in the 3300 block of Canal street, about half a mile from the center of the business district.

"They were in an apartment on the first floor of the building and were leaving the house to enter an automobile when the agents surrounded them," Hoover said.

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"The agents called upon them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

### Secret Confinement

The prisoners were taken to an unannounced place for questioning for about an hour before the announcement of their capture was made.

"I've got something interesting to tell you," Hoover said, smiling slightly.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, known generally as 'public enemy No. 1,' but not to us," he said simply.

He didn't say who his department's "public enemy No. 1" was.

Then, in the briefest sort of statement, clipping his words short, he told of the capture which climaxed three years' search from coast to coast and beyond.

The capture was effected so smoothly and quietly that only persons near by were aware of the "G" men's latest success.

Witnesses said that when the three left the house agents armed with sawed-off shotguns and other weapons stepped to the sidewalk, and crisply commanded them to surrender. When the desperadoes made no move they were grabbed and rushed from the scene.

"Hunter," he said, "is not so well known as Karpis, but he is wanted for a post office robbery on November 7, 1935, at Garrettsville, Ohio, in which \$43,000 was taken. Karpis was also connected with that robbery."

### Speed Away

Shortly before 8 p. m. (central standard time) Hoover and almost a score of his "G" men left the federal post office building with Karpis and Hunter and sped away in two automobiles.

Their move was cloaked in secrecy and Hoover declined to say where the men were being taken.

"How long has the net been laid for Karpis?" Hoover was asked.

"For the past two years."

"But how long in New Orleans?"

"Oh, we've known he's been in and out of New Orleans for the past two months and have been on his trail."

"How many men participated in the capture?"

"We never give out figures."

"Did he offer any resistance?"

"He never had a chance. There were too many guns on him. We got him sitting in the automobile."

"Was Karpis armed?"

"Yes, he had a gun."

Karpis, wearing a straw hat, shirt

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# J. Edgar Hoover Leads — Squad of 'G' Men to Take Karpis, Public Foe No. 1

**Federal Men Capture Companion, Wanted for  
Ohio Mail Robbery, and Unnamed Woman  
as They Enter Auto**

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and trousers, but no coat, was led out of the bureau's office in the post office building between two burly "G" men.

Hoover made no announcement where Karpis would be taken, but there were rumors that he would either be carried to the parish prison or to the airport.

Edward Hoffman, who lives in the house behind the building in which Karpis had an apartment, said he had rented parking space in his yard to the desperado.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 1 (AP)—The capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans tonight ended a man-hunt as extensive as that of his predecessor as public enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

Karpis—his real name is Raymond Karpavicz—gained the title of the most wanted man in America after the slayings of Dillinger and George "Baby Face" Nelson.

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big-time burglars, bank robber, killer and kidnaper. He was sought widely after spectacular bank raids in which blood flowed freely, but the hunt was intensified after the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul bank president, in January, 1934. The banker, in his own words, said he was confined "in a living hell" for 21 days.



J. Edgar Hoover

## Born in Canada

The desperado was born in Canada on August 10, 1909. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kan. He was the only boy in the family, but had three sisters.

When 16 years old, he was arrested in Topeka for stealing tires. Convicted of second degree burglary, he was sent to the state industrial reformatory at Hutchinson, Kan., for a 10-year term.

In the Kansas reformatory, he met Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton. The two sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years.

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at Kansas City, March 23, 1930. They were riding in a car packed with safe-blowing equipment. Karpis was sent back to the Kansas reformatory. When knives were found in his possession, he was transferred to the state penitentiary in Lansing, Kan., on May 19, 1930. A year later he was freed.

## In Oklahoma

A month later he landed in Tulsa, Okla., the headquarters of the Barker family—"Ma" Kate Barker, Freddie, Arthur, who also was known as "Doc," Herman and Lloyd. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Oklawaha, Fla., after a six-hour gunfight with federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla. Barker eluded officers, but his pal was sentenced, September 11, 1931, to four years in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

But the No. 1 bad man never was taken to prison to serve that term, for after serving three months in the county jail during and shortly after his trial, he was paroled by the trial judge.

## Kills Sheriff

Shortly after his parole Karpis killed Sheriff C. E. Kelley of Weir, Mo. That was December 10, 1931. Freddie Barker was with him when the sheriff was slain.

One night while Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her boys were sitting around a tip came that "the cops are on their way over." At the time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap. That was "Ma" Barker's second husband. A few days later the bullet riddled body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

## Crimes Listed

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis mob included:

Holdup of the Third Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis, December 16, 1932, loot \$20,000 cash and a quantity of securities; three slain.

Payroll robbery in South St. Paul, August 30, 1933; loot \$30,000; one policeman killed, one wounded.

Federal Reserve bank mail robbery, September 22, 1933, in Chicago; one policeman killed.

Holdup of First National bank, Breinerd, Minn.; loot \$32,000.

Holdup of National Bank & Trust company, Sioux Falls, S. D., \$50,000; Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, \$200,000 ransom.

William Hamm abduction; \$100,000 ransom.

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## Gang 'Face Lifter' Still Lives, His Dentist Says

CHICAGO, May 8 (I.N.S.). Capture of Harry "Limpy" Campbell by Department of Justice agents in Toledo yesterday turned attention today to the mysterious Dr. Joseph P. Moran, of suburban Maywood, the official "face lifter" and only important member of the Barker-Karpis gang not officially known to be dead or captured.

Dr. Hal C. Billig, Maywood dentist, today again flatly contradicted the assertion of J. Edgar Hoover that the gangland doctor is dead, murdered by his lawless patients.

Dr. Billig, who worked on Dr. Moran's teeth several years ago, said that last week Federal agents brought him the teeth and bridgework from the mouth of a body recovered from Lake Erie. The body is believed by G-men to be that of Moran, killed by gangsters because he talked too much while drunk concerning his underworld connections.

Dr. Billig repeated his positive belief the teeth were not Moran's.

Dr. Moran was an honor medical student who slipped into crime through prison association with criminals. His practice in LaSalle county Ill., was ruined when he was sent to prison for an illegal operation just as he was gaining a reputation as a surgeon of great skill. Released on parole he was unable to resume his lucrative practice. He was returned to the penitentiary as a parole violator and upon his second release began his underworld practice.

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# **Karpis 'Wife' Tells of N. Y. Marriage**

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 8.—  
(AP)—Mrs. Grace Goldstein, 30-  
year-old quiet-spoken blonde, said  
here tonight that she and Alvin  
Karpis, former Public Enemy No.  
1, were married in New York City  
last September 25.

She said they had been mar-  
ried under the name of Mr. and  
Mrs. Ed Woods and had lived to-  
gether until Karpis' capture at  
New Orleans last week.

Mrs. Goldstein returned here to-  
day after a mysterious absence of  
twelve days, saying she had been  
detained by federal agents while  
Karpis and the last of his gang  
were being rounded up.

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# Mother Identifies Karpis' Girl Friend

Davidson, Okla.—(AP)—Mrs. John Hamm, mother of nine, says the girl taken into custody last Friday in the Alvin Karpis roundup at New Orleans is her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hamm Robison, 19.

Mrs. Hamm says the picture of the pretty, blonde "woman in white" who was present at the apartment where Karpis and Fred Hunter were arrested, is her next to youngest child.

Ruth Hamm left her parents' home after a high school marriage failed. "She always wanted to travel," Mrs. Hamm said.

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CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE  
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RE: BREKID

## **\$200,000 BOND SET FOR PAL OF KARPIS**

**Hunter Declines Hearing on  
Charge of Aiding Outlaw.**

**Ohio Mail Robbery Count Also  
Faces Man Hoover Seized  
in New Orleans Coup.**

NEW ORLEANS, May 6 (AP).—Federal authorities here today placed Fred Hunter, captured with Alvin Karpis, alleged St. Paul kidnaper and slayer, under \$200,000 bond on a charge of "harboring and concealing" Karpis and committed him to the federal prison awaiting action by Atty.-Gen. Cummings in Washington.

The charge was filed before United States Commissioner Reginald H. Carter, Jr., by District Attorney Rene Viosca. At his hearing before the commissioner on arraignment Hunter refused to enter a plea and waived preliminary hearing.

Hunter is also a suspect in the \$64,000 robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, O., on Nov. 7, 1935. Officials here said he would be held in New Orleans pending word from Cummings on whether he would be tried first on the harboring charge, or taken to Cleveland, O., to stand trial on the mail robbery charge.

When Hunter appeared before the commissioner he seemed nervous from his prolonged questioning and hid his face most of the time with a handkerchief.

His feet were chained so that he had to take shuffling steps and his hands were tied with a heavy black cord.

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## Campbell, Karpis Thug, Is Given Life Sentence

By United Press

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Trial of Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, will clean up the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, Federal authorities explained today.

Fourteen of them were slain by Federal agents or fellow gangsters, and the other 11, including Harry Campbell, have been imprisoned.

Campbell, captured on a clue wrested from Karpis during prolonged questioning, pleaded guilty yesterday and was sentenced immediately to life imprisonment.

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## Alvin Karpis Bail May Be \$400,000

District Attorney Says U. S.  
Has 'Airtight Case'

ST. PAUL, May 4—(A.P.)—Alvin Karpis was subjected to his third day of almost continuous questioning today as District Attorney George F. Sullivan announced that the Government had "an airtight case" and would ask that bail be set at \$400,000 when Karpis is arraigned on kidnaping charges.

In explanation of what he said he believed was an unprecedented bail demand, Sullivan called Karpis "one of the most desperate characters in the history of the nation." He added that he was prepared to arraign Karpis as soon as questioners have finished.

CHICAGO, May 4—(A.P.)—Louis Piquet, one-time counsel for John Dillinger, started tonight to serve a two-year Federal sentence for harboring Homer Van Meter, a Dillinger aide, when Federal agents were seeking the gang.

Two appeals of Piquet for a thirty-day stay of sentence to take care of personal business were denied. Officers took Piquet to the County Jail to be held until a group of future inmates of Leavenworth Penitentiary leaves from here.

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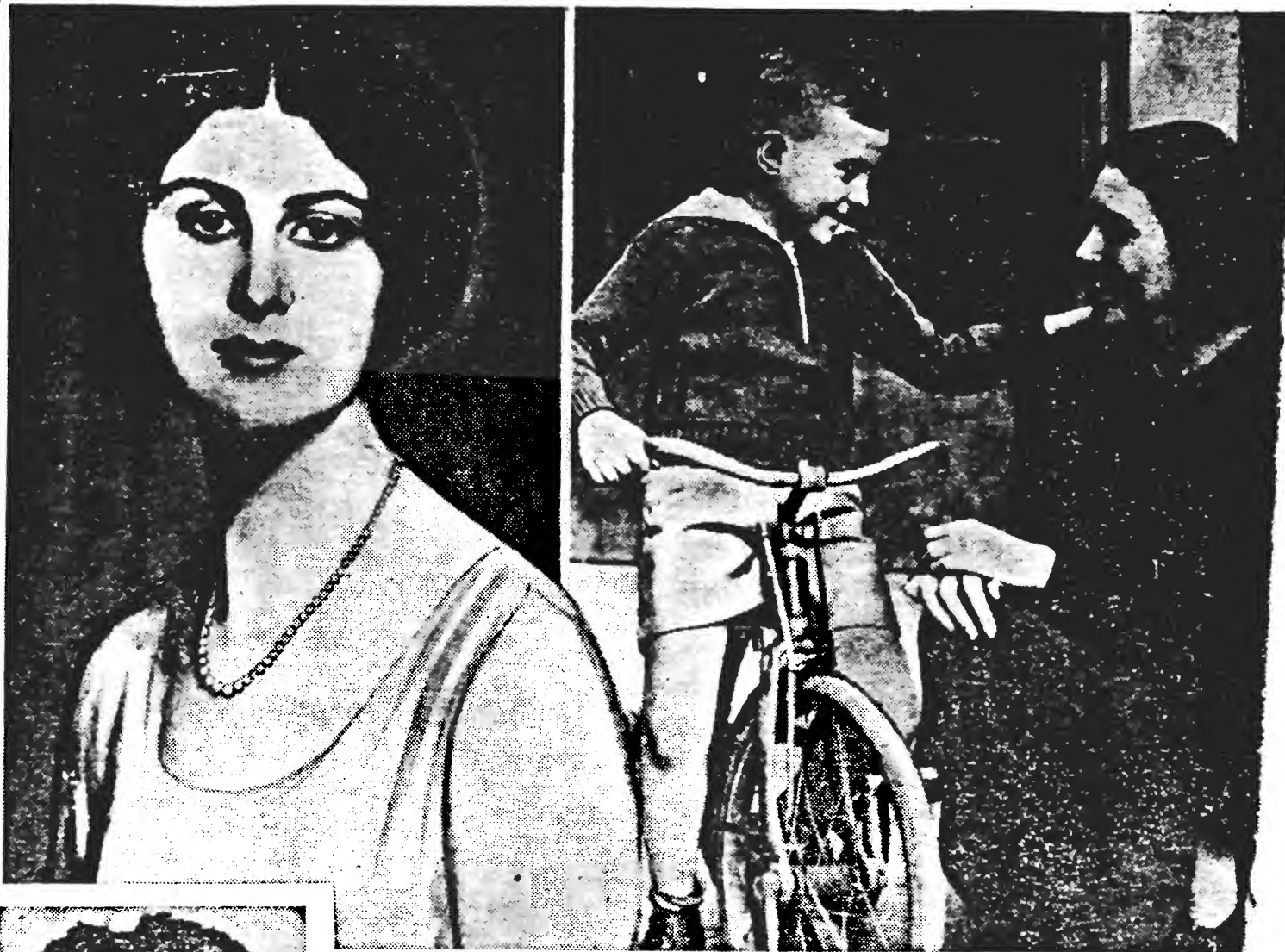
# WITH CAPTURE OF KARPIS AND CAMPBELL ONLY STOLL KIDNAPER REMAINS AT LARGE



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ALVIN KARPIS, longtime Public Enemy No. 1, shown securely behind the bars in St. Paul, Minn. He is held in default of \$500,000 bail in the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings. International News Sound Photo.

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WITH KARPIS and Harry Campbell caught, Department of Justice agents are concentrating their efforts on Thomas H. Robinson, jr., wanted for the kidnaping of Mrs. Speed Stoll (top middle) in Louisville, Ky., in October, 1934. Robinson, believed to have escaped detection by disguising himself as a woman, is the only major kidnaper left. He received \$50,000 ransom. Mrs. Robinson, shown with their baby son, was acquitted of complicity in the crime. International News Photos.

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# **Campbell's Mother Weeps Over Arrest**

TULSA, Okla., May 7 (I.N.S.).  
Harry Campbell's mother, Mrs. G.  
C. Campbell, wept at her home to-  
day as she listened to radio reports  
of her son's capture. She said:  
"He's been the heartbreak of  
our lives."

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### Another Capture.

Karpis, Campbell, Mahan, Robinson, all taken within a week! Such is the record of the G-men of the Department of Justice, four fugitives from the law whose names have become known throughout the country as malefactors of the worst type, whose guilt has been established and whose liberty has been a menace, captured in rapid succession after many months of pursuit. It is indeed a remarkable record and furthermore a striking coincidence of successes in short order.

The latest arrest is especially gratifying, for the fugitive, owing to certain personal peculiarities, was enabled to disguise himself sufficiently to evade detection for months. But he, too, was traced by the means of ransom money, a trail which he could not efface. This demonstrates anew that the business of kidnaping for gain is desperately hazardous. In the case of the Lindbergh kidnaping the trail of the ransom money finally led to the arrest, conviction and execution of Hauptmann. Not even the attempted change of the serial numbers on the bills he took effected the escape of Mahan, the third of the quartet captured in this latest haul of "public enemies."

Scientific methods of detection, intelligent and patient pursuit have led to these recent captures, which have their high value in demonstration of the futility of crime and the certainty of punishment in cases falling within the scope of the Federal jurisdiction. It does not follow that crime will cease. That is

probably impossible. But it does prove that the chances of evasion of justice have been greatly lessened, a demonstration that is certain to have an effect in the discouragement of criminal enterprises.

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# CAMPBELL PLEADS GUILTY, GETS LIFE

## ROBINSON ADMITS STOLL KIDNAPING; RUSHED BY PLANE FROM CALIFORNIA

Confession of Slugging His  
Victim With Pipe Is An-  
nounced by Hoover.  
Death Penalty Possible.

### BACKGROUND—

Thomas H. Robinson, jr., eccentric "Lone Wolf" kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Louisville, Ky., society matron, dropped from sight after receiving \$50,000 ransom money on October 16, 1934, in Indianapolis, six days after abduction. Young abductor's wife, Mrs. Frances Robinson, and his father, Thomas H. Robinson, Nashville, Tenn., attorney, were dragged into the case and tried for complicity in the crime. They were subsequently acquitted.

### FINAL BULLETIN.

ST. PAUL, May 12.—Harry Campbell pleaded guilty in Federal Court today to participation in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Federal Judge M. M. Joyce immediately sentenced him to life imprisonment.

### BY REX COLLIER.

Thomas H. Robinson, jr., in custody of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Louisville, Ky., has made a "complete confession" of the kidnaping of Mrs. Berry V. Stoll, including admissions that may bring him the death penalty, it was announced this afternoon by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F. B. I.

The 29-year-old eccentric Tennessean, captured last night in Glendale, Calif., has admitted he slugged Mrs. Stoll over the head several times with a piece of lead pipe before he bundled her nearly-unconscious form into a car and sped away.

Under the so-called "Lindbergh law" a sentence of death may be imposed on a kidnaper if he harms the victim.

The Department of Justice will seek the full penalty of the law against Robinson, and it is prepared to refute any claims that may be made that the erratic prisoner is insane. Robinson at one time was under observation for 30 days in the State Insane Asylum at Nashville, but was discharged as sane, it is said.

### Tells of Entering Home.

In his recounting of the crime to special agents of the F. B. I., Robinson told how he gained admittance to the Stoll home on October 10, 1934, by posing as a telephone repairman how he overpowered Mrs. Stoll's maid and forced her to tape the hands of Mr. Stoll, how he hit his victim over the head with the pipe, and, finally,

how he held her in captivity in Indianapolis for six days.

Robinson confirmed previous theories of the Federal agents regarding his original intentions in visiting the Stoll home, viz., that he meant to kidnap Mr. Stoll, but took the wife when he found her the only member of the family at home.

He left with the maid, whose hands and feet he trussed up, a two-page typewritten demand for \$50,000 ransom. The letter referred to the Lindbergh, Hamm, Factor, Urschel and Boettcher kidnapings and warned that if any effort were made to arrest the writer he would cremate Mrs. Stoll, scatter her ashes in a stream of water and destroy all traces of the crime in such a way as to defy "microscopic examination."

Robinson had several pistols and a shotgun in his apartment when it was raided last night, Hoover said. He made no effort to use them when agents entered and demanded his surrender.

Hoover denied published reports that the raid was the result of a tip given his men by a soda dispenser.

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"There were no informants in this case or any of the others recently," Hoover declared, referring to the captures of Karpis, Campbell and Mahan. "No rewards will be paid to any one."

There was no reward offered for information leading to Robinson's arrest, but a total of \$7,500 had been offered for tips on Karpis and Campbell.

Robinson's blows on Mrs. Stoll's head caused her to lose considerable blood, and her husband feared for her life as the hours passed without word from her.

The ransom letter, naming Robinson's father, T. H. Robinson, sr., of Nashville as intermediary, was examined by experts in the F. B. I. technical laboratory here and pronounced the handiwork of young Robinson for two reasons—it was in his handwriting and it bore his latent fingerprints.

Several letters were received from the kidnaper stating his belief that the intermediary was being watched by police and directing that the ransom money be turned over to Mrs. Thomas H. Robinson, jr. Accordingly, the \$50,000 was given to Mrs. Robinson five days after the kidnaping and

she took the money to Indianapolis. Mrs. Stoll started home the next day, accompanied by Mrs. Robinson, and the car bearing them was intercepted by Federal agents at Scottsboro, Ind. Mrs. Robinson and her father-in-law were tried for complicity in the kidnaping, but were acquitted.

#### ARRIVES IN LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 12 (AP).—Thomas H. Robinson, jr., was brought here by Department of Justice agents by airplane today from Glendale, Calif., where he was captured last night as the kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Louisville society matron.

Robinson, whose confession of the \$50,000 kidnaping of the socially prominent Louisville Junior Leaguer October 10, 1934, was announced by J. Edgar Hoover at Washington, landed at the municipal airport here at 11:21 Central standard time.

His dapper moustache neatly clipped, young Robinson was rushed to one of three automobiles in which Federal agents awaited his arrival. Placed between two agents, he was whisked toward downtown Louisville, five miles away.

Of the dozen Federal agents who met the silver twin-motored transport plane which brought the Will o' the Wisp fugitive from California, two were armed with machine guns and one with a shotgun. The agents were under command of C. C. Dewey, agent in charge of the Louisville office of the Department of Justice. Once in the car, which was only 40 feet from where the plane landed, Robinson bent his head and pulled his hat over his face.

The transport plane, piloted by Milo H. Campbell and Frank Busch of Los Angeles, flew here from Glendale in 11 hours and 40 minutes, making only two stops, one at Albuquerque, N. Mex., and the other at Wichita, Kans., where it refueled.

Pilot Campbell said Robinson slept part of the time. The prisoner was handcuffed to his seat during the entire trip.

Robinson's brown suit was rumpled and his tieless shirt open at the neck. He appeared to be in good spirits and much heavier than descriptions of him sent out by the Government.

Robinson was taken to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's offices on the seventh floor of a downtown office building.

Agents placed him in a private room and pulled down the shades.

Shortly afterward one of the agents took a sheaf of papers from one of the files and returned to the room where Robinson was.

At the office of United States Commissioner Eugene Dailey it was said he was prepared to hold arraignment proceedings at any time for Robinson on the kidnaping indictment.

#### SODA CLERK'S "TIP" AIDS.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex., May 12 (AP).—Thomas H. Robinson, jr., hunted since 1934 as the "will-o'-the-wisp" kidnaper of a society matron, was sped through here in shackles by airplane today toward Louisville, Ky., where the Government may wipe clean its "public enemy" list with a death penalty.

Captured in Glendale, Calif., last night, Robinson was held aboard a chartered T. W. A. airliner in handcuffs and leg irons while it paused here en route to the scene of the \$50,000 abduction of Mrs. Berry V. Stoll.

Robinson, whose frequent use of feminine attire as a disguise was believed to have led to his capture, was seized in a Glendale hotel about 7:30 p.m. (Pacific standard time) and offered no resistance, although he was armed with a .38-caliber revolver.

Although Robinson was believed to

#### Gives "Tip"



LYNN F. ALLEN, Pasadena soda clerk, who penetrated the disguise of Thomas H. Robinson, jr., sought for months for the Stoll kidnaping.

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have operated alone, Federal authorities in California refused to confirm or deny that they were seeking a woman, and possibly one or two men, who may have accompanied Robinson to California.

Robinson's visits to a drug store in Pasadena, Calif., were credited with putting the man hunters at his heels.

About six weeks ago a woman clerk in the establishment reported to police a person dressed in feminine apparel made a purchase at the place—a person she thought resembled Robinson despite the manner of dress.

Then, about two weeks later, Lynn Allen, a soda-fountain attendant in the place, told police a mysteriously-acting person entered the place. Although in woman's garb, Lynn said, the person spoke in a masculine voice and mumbled words.

"Then I noticed that 'her' wrists were thick and 'her' neck was manish, and I made up my mind the person was a man," Lynn added. "I told the Pasadena police about it and also gave them the number of a new sedan in which she drove off."

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## Robinson at Louisville



Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., who faces death if convicted under the Lindbergh law for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, was rushed back to Louisville, Ky., in a plane bearing the insignia "TWA—The Lindbergh Line." He is shown disembarking at Louisville this afternoon.

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# G-men turn to political racketeer clean-up!

## Raids net notorious kidnapers

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—(UP)—An indication that the next major field of the federal's government's G-men would be the shadowy connections between dishonest politicians and the underworld was seen today in the jubilant announcement of J. Edgar Hoover that only one of the kidnapers who harrassed the nation for over three years, remains at large.

Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, pressed a federal round-up of all persons who have harbored or aided fugitives from federal justice, while his agents rushed the two newest public enemies captured by his department, to justice.

In Tacoma, Wash., William Mahan, kidnaper of 9-year-old George Hunt Weyerhaeuser, who was "Public Enemy No. 1," during the six days between the capture and that of Alvin Karpis, faced quick arraignment on two long-pending indictments.

In St. Paul, Harry Campbell, 36, last member of the Barker-Karpis gang to remain at large, joined his erstwhile chief, Karpis, in custody. Both face trial for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., brewer, in 1934, and Edward G. Bremer, banker, in 1933.

Remaining at large was Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Stoll of Louisville, who has retained his liberty so far only because he has no underworld connections and is an expert female impersonator.

Hoover revealed that arrests were imminent in the Cleveland area where, he said, members of the Barker-Karpis gang had been harbored by persons accepted as respectable in their communities.

Campbell and Mahan were captured within six hours of one another yesterday—Campbell at dawn in Toledo, O., Mahan at noon in San Francisco.

Mahan's arrest clears up the \$200,000 kidnaping of the young heir of the Weyerhaeuser lumber millions. His confederates—Harmon Waley and his wife—are serving long prison sentences.

Hoover said his bureau would now "work in earnest" on the apprehension of Robinson, who was a Tennessee lawyer before he turned kidnaper and collected \$50,000 from Mrs. Stoll's wealthy husband.

Hoover said Mahan was captured when agents traced the Weyerhaeuser kidnap money, which he had been spending freely along the Pacific coast.

Campbell, known as the "right-hand man" of Karpis, was carrying \$2900 in his pockets. In addition to the kidnaping, he was sought for mail robberies and for shooting his way, with Karpis, out of an Atlantic City, N. J., hotel last year.

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## CAMPBELL GETS LIFE Karpis Pal Sentenced in Kidnaping

ST. PAUL, May 12 (U.P.)—to life imprisonment. Harry Campbell, limping pal of Alvin (Old Greepy) Karpis, today pleaded guilty to the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and was sentenced. Weary and apparently resigned he stood before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, listened to District Attorney George F. Sullivan relate his part in the \$200,000 kidnaping and then was led away.

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# KARPIS BEHIND THE BARS



International News Photo.

## ALVIN KARPIS . . . AND THE END TO HIS CAREER OF CRIME

Karpis, one time "Public Enemy No. 1" pictured behind the bars at St. Paul, Minn., after he had been captured by J. Edgar Hoover and other Federal Agents. He is awaiting trial on charges growing out of the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings.

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**NO. 1 SNIVELER**—Alvin Karpis, accused of several murders, and arrested on charges of kidnaping, turned out to be a sniveler, pleading to be shot at once, according to G-men who arrested him in New Orleans. Above, literally surrounded by machine guns, Karpis, manacled and wearing a straw hat, enters the Federal building in St. Paul, Minn., after arriving by plane.

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# Politicians Linked To Karpis Gangsters



International News Photo.

## HARRY CAMPBELL . . . AFTER HIS CAPTURE BY G-MEN

Campbell, chief aide to Alvin Karpis, shown with a government agent after his capture in St. Paul, Minn. He is being rushed into the Federal Building with his arms chained in front of him. Government Agent Connolly is shown at the right.

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ST. PAUL, May 8.—(AP.)—An effort to learn the names of Karpis-Barker gang aides—including politicians—was pressed by federal agents today in questioning Harry Campbell, last of the major members of the mob.

Campbell, seized in Toledo yesterday and rushed here by plane, was interrogated in the Federal Building. Campbell's capture followed a five-day quiz of his confederate, Alvin Karpis, in the same place.

#### WHOSE FINGER?

Government officials declined to comment, but the Minneapolis Tribune said it had learned Karpis furnished the clue that led to his lieutenant's arrest. It said Karpis interrupted a discussion of his association with Campbell to inquire:

"Who put the finger on me?"

An agent was quoted as replying:

"Your pal."

The apprehension of Campbell followed by less than six days the capture of Karpis in New Orleans.

#### LINK POLITICIANS

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Justice Department's investigation staff, who participated in both arrests, asserted the capture of the gangsters at Cleveland two years ago was frustrated because "they

were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians." He added:

"We're going to get all who aided that gang in Cleveland—the doctors, lawyers and politicians."

#### UNDER \$500,000 BAIL

Hoover made a similar statement here when he brought Karpis to St. Paul by plane from New Orleans last Saturday. He said anyone who had aided the mob in any way would be sought and tried.

Karpis was in the county jail, under \$500,000 bail, awaiting arraignment on five counts based on the abductions of William Hamm, Jr., brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. Campbell is charged with kidnaping in the Bremer case.

The government charged the Karpis-Barker bang engineered both crimes for a \$300,000 ransom total. Campbell's arrest completed the roundup of 25 persons accused of complicity.

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# VERY LATEST NEWS

**"SHAKEDOWN" CHARGED TO EX-ACTRESS**  
**LOS ANGELES, May 12 (I.N.S.).**—Adele Blood of New York, once a reigning queen of the stage and known a generation ago as "America's most beautiful blonde," was charged in court today with having forced the late E. M. Cowie, former president of the American Express Agency, to give her \$45,000 in notes on threat of exposing "an improper relation."

**CAMPBELL PLEADS GUILTY, GETS LIFE**  
**ST. PAUL, Minn., May 12. (I.N.S.).**—Harry Campbell, machine gunner for the Karpis-Barker mob, today pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. He was sentenced to life imprisonment by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce.

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## \$200,000 Bond for Karpis Pal



—Associated Press Wirephoto  
FRED HUNTER tries to shield his face with a handkerchief at his hearing in New Orleans on a charge of harboring Alvin Karpis, with whom he was captured last week. Hunter's bond has been fixed at \$200,000.

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# KARPIS CONFESSES RANSOM KIDNAPING OF ST. PAUL PAIR

**On Grill for 36 Hours;  
Refuses to Name  
Accomplices.**

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 3—(Uni-  
versal)—Cracking under 36 hours  
of grilling by federal agents, Alvin  
Karpis, America's most desperate  
public enemy, confessed today the  
\$300,000 ransom kidnaping of Ed-  
ward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul  
banker, and William Hamm, St.  
Paul brewer.

This was learned at the federal  
building here, where the desperado  
has been under almost constant  
questioning since he was rushed to  
St. Paul by plane by J. Edgar Hoo-  
ver, national chief of the federal  
agents, after his capture Friday  
night in New Orleans.

With word of the confession  
came the further statement that  
Karpis had offered to plead guilty  
to either one of the kidnappings if  
the government would agree to  
"forget" the other.

His willingness to co-operate led,  
also, to the speculation that Karpis  
believed imprisonment for the kid-  
naping might save him from prose-  
cution on murder charges which  
carry the death penalty.

Life imprisonment is the maxi-  
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## KARPIS ADMITS KIDNAPING OF BREMER, HAMM

'Cracks' After Long  
Grilling; Mum on  
Accomplices.

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took place before the amended Lindbergh law became operative.

Despite the confession government men continued their unrelenting interrogation.

Karpis, it was said, while confessing his own part in the snatching, so far has refused to name accomplices, to give the names of persons who harbored him, or to identify physicians who performed his face-lifting operation. These are the main points the government seeks. Karpis is already thoroughly linked with abduction through the statements of Edmund Bartholmey, Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, and Byron Bolton, Chicago gangster.

### HANDS ON FIRST.

It was in Bensenville that both Bremer and Hamm were held, pending payment of ransom.

According to U. S. Atty. George F. Sullivan, Karpis will be arraigned tomorrow for the Hamm kidnaping. Whether he will be formally charged at that time with the Bremer abduction was not decided late today.

Intimation that a break had taken place came when weary G-men emerged from the questioning with jubilant expressions. That Karpis was talking was indicated when one agent revealed:

"Karpis said he was glad it was over and that the last two years had been a 'hell on earth' for him. He said he was tired of being constantly on his guard against a raid by law officers."

### ALWAYS HEAVILY ARMED.

Not for two years has he gone a foot without an automatic pistol, a shotgun, a rifle or a tommy gun, he told his captors.

"He told us he ate with a gun on the chair beside him, slept with one under his pillow, carried one in his pocket and kept one or more in his car at all times," the federal men said.

Karpis got his only rest last night lying on the floor of the federal building with weapons pointing at him from all sides.

This was after federal agents had worked on him in relays, seeking to extract confessions of the kidnapings, the five or more murders that are charged to the old Barker-Karpis gang and bank and mail holdups in which they are alleged to have participated.

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### **Minneapolis Also Wants to Try Karpis**

ST. PAUL, May 3—(AP)—Hennepin county authorities at Minneapolis said tonight they were taking steps to seek indictment of Alvin Karpis on murder and bank robbery charges in that city.

Ed J. Goff, Hennepin county attorney, said he would seek indictment of Karpis in the slayings of two policemen and a motorist in the holdup of the Third Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis, in 1932.

Goff said he planned to ask victims of the bank holdup to view Karpis this week. If the witnesses definitely identify Karpis in the bank raid, the case will be presented to the grand jury, according to Goff.

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## Karpis' Former Pal Goes Mad in Prison

MINNEAPOLIS, May 3—(AP)—Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton, convicted bank robber, and former pal of Alvin Karpis, has become insane, county authorities revealed today.

Devol, found guilty of a bank robbery here in 1932 when two policemen and a motorist were slain, was sentenced to life imprisonment. Recently he became violent and was transferred to the state insane asylum at St. Peter.

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# Gangster's Love for 'Molls' Led Karpis Into Three Close Scrapes



(Associated Press Photo.)  
**HELEN GILLIS.**  
On Baby Face's Last Ride.



(International News Photo.)  
**DOLORES DELANEY.**  
Karpis' Tight Lipped Favorite.



(International News Photo.)  
**MYRTLE EATON.**  
Farm Wife For a Gangster.

## Bandits' Hookup With Girls Among Their Worst Blunders.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(P)—The gangster's love of "molls" led Alvin Karpis into his three closest scrapes with the law.

The red-headed woman who was arrested with the Public Enemy No. 1 in New Orleans Friday night was only the latest in a string of women he had picked up and dropped during his crime career.

A few weeks earlier, Karpis narrowly escaped from a farmhouse

near Hot Springs, Ark., only hours before federal agents and postoffice inspectors raided it with gas. Agents said a woman was the reason for his frequent trips to Hot Springs.

But his favorite was probably Dolores Delaney, the pretty girl he met in Harry Sawyer's saloon in St. Paul. Dolores was a "good moll," known in the gang for being as tight-lipped as Karpis himself. Old Kate (Ma) Barker picked her personally.

Karpis was not the first gangster to come to the end of his criminal career with a woman beside him. John Dillinger was led from that neighborhood theater in Chicago to his death behind "the woman in

## Dillinger Betrayed by Woman in Red, Pal of Sweetie.

red," Anna Sage, a friend of his girl, Evelyn Frechette.

Helen Gillis rode with "Baby Face" Nelson when agents killed him on the highway near Barrington, Ill. Bonnie Parker died with Clyde Barrow from the bullets of a Texas ranger. Eddie Green and his wife were picked up together. And Myrtle Eaton was living as the farmwife of William Weaver on a Florida chicken ranch when the federal agents caught up with him.

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## G-MEN CHIEF TELLS OF PLAN TO TRAP KARPIS

Ready to Lead Raid  
on Flat When Gang-  
ster Appeared.

NEW YORK, May 3—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, whose life had been threatened by Alvin Karpis, disclosed today that he was preparing to lead, personally, an armed assault on the front entrance of the gangster's New Orleans apartment when the desperado appeared Friday night with two companions and was captured.

Hoover said other groups of agents had been posted to guard three other exits to the building. The Hoover party was driving a half black past the structure preparatory to returning on foot for the frontal attack to be prefaced by a surrender demand and gas bombs.

"We'd have killed him if he'd tried to shoot it out, but he didn't get a chance," Hoover said.

### FACES MISSOURI TRIAL

Karpis, Fred Hunter and a girl companion were seized without shot when Hoover's group surrounded an automobile the gangsters had just entered.

The chief of the G-men arrived here from St. Paul last night.

If convicted of the kidnaping of William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, and put under life sentence, Karpis may then be turned over to the state of Missouri for trial on a murder charge, Hoover said.

He expressed regret that word of Karpis' personal threat against his life had ever gone out of the department, because "all enforcement officials get threats and pay no attention to them."

He declined to say whether he intended his said leadership as a re-

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ply to the desperado's boasts.

Hoover said the raid in New Orleans, conducted in a district of heavy late afternoon traffic, would certainly have resulted in deaths had agents been forced to storm the dwelling as they expected. But they dared not wait because Karpis "was quick on the move," he said.

He pictured the 26-year-old gunman, to whom were attributed some dozen bank robberies, one to four murders, three mail robberies and three kidnappings, as "a big, bad, bold boy" from whom any vestige of courage fled when he saw his captors.

"On the way downtown in the car," Hoover said, "they invited us to kill them because they thought they'd be killed anyway. But of course, they hadn't drawn guns."

Hoover explained he never gave an order in any case to "shoot to kill" and that agents did not shoot unless a fugitive started the fracas. He was asked about reports John Dillinger, who was slain in attempted capture in Chicago, was executed.

"That was a lie," Hoover said. "Karpis was the one who was taken."

after boasting throughout the underworld that agents could never get him alive, "made his knees knock together as we frisked him," the director said.

"He's a crude, vicious and cunning killer, with rather a pleasant personality. He'd been a lone wolf since last fall. He thought that by keeping away from his gang he could avoid us."

Hoover said that Karpis had no inkling the federal officers were close on his trail. Karpis said he had planned to go fishing that day. Hoover continued, and reproached his girl companion for not having avoided the trouble by obeying orders he had given her to go "back home."

#### THREE MINUTE RAID.

The probability that bystanders would have been wounded in any exchange of gunfire, Hoover said, was indicated by the fact that although the raid occupied only three minutes there were 1,000 persons and 200 automobiles in front of the building before the captives could be removed to bureau headquarters.

Karpis had been fishing in Florida, had visited New Orleans previously, and had not been in the East since he escaped a raid at Atlantic City and fled through Pennsylvania and Ohio, Hoover said the prisoner told him.

Hoover said that the girl captive, whom he described as Ruth Robinson, sometimes called "Connie," of Hot Springs and other Arkansas cities, probably would not be held unless it was shown she had aided or harbored Hunter, with whom she lived, or Karpis.

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## ASKS \$400,000 KARPIS BAIL

ST. PAUL, May 5.—(AP.)—Seeking the trail of accomplices, government agents today resumed their questioning of Alvin Karpis.

Karpis has been interrogated most of the time since his arrest last Friday at New Orleans in an effort to gain information that would lead to the arrest of all who harbored the outlaw or aided him in his career of kidnaping, murder and robbery.

Date of arraignment of Karpis on four charges of kidnaping and kidnap conspiracy still was uncertain. District Attorney George F. Sullivan said he would ask that bail be set at \$400,000—\$100,000 on each count—when Karpis was arraigned after the questioning marathon had ended.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP.)—J. Edgar Hoover said today that Ruth Robinson, the read-haired woman seized by Federal agents with Alvin Karpis in New Orleans Friday night, has been released.

Fred Hunter, arrested at the same time, is being held to face charges of harboring Karpis and also to face charges in connection with a mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O.

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# KARPIS CASE 'AIRTIGHT,' U. S. FEELS

ST. PAUL, May 4. (AP)—George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, today said he had an "airtight" case against Alvin Karpis, under indictment for the Edward G. Bremer and Edward Hamm kidnappings.

Asked about reports Karpis had confessed, Sullivan said:

"The government is not interested in Karpis' alleged confession and decision to plead guilty. We have an airtight case against him. We've got to try the other defendants in the Hamm case any way and don't care whether Karpis pleads guilty or elects to stand trial. One more defendant means nothing to us, since we are convinced that he will be found guilty."

## DISCUSS ARRAIGNMENT.

Sullivan disclosed two Chicago attorneys conferred with him over the week-end about arraignment

of Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, in two indictments charging participation in the \$100,000 abduction of Hamm on June 15, 1933. Hamm, government agents said, identified Bartholmey's house as the "hide-out" where he was held for four days.

Sullivan said the Chicago attorneys—Lloyd C. Moody, a former assistant United States district attorney, and Ambrose F. Finn Jr., one time federal agent—returned to Chicago after agreement to wait two weeks before bringing Bartholmey into court for arraignment.

## FOUR FACE TRIAL.

To be tried with Bartholmey and Karpis at the federal term of court opening next November, Sullivan said, are John P. ("Jack") Peifer, St. Paul night club proprietor, and Charles Fitzgerald, Los Angeles, both recently indicted in the Hamm case.

Sullivan said he expected Byron Bolton, also indicted, to appear as the government's chief witness. He was principal witness for the government in two trials growing out of the Bremer kidnapping.

Protracted questioning of Karpis continued today as federal agents attempted to learn additional details of the kidnapping plots and the names of other accomplices—particularly the money changers who handled the \$100,000 Hamm ransom.

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# KARPIS' PARENTS PLAN TO TAKE HIS BABY TO SEE HIM

## Bandit's Son, Born in Jail, to Visit St. Paul.

John Karpavicz and his wife, Anna, parents of Alvin Karpis, remained secluded yesterday in their basement apartment at 2842 North Francisco avenue. The white haired mother of the nation's public enemy No. 1 refused to leave the apartment, while her husband, who is janitor for the apartment building, asserted that he "had nothing to say."

Members of the family gathered around to comfort the mother and protect her from interviewers. "I am happy that my son was captured without being wounded or killed," she told friends. "It is also a relief to know that no one else was injured in the arrest."

### Plan to Visit Prisoner.

Mrs. Karpis expressed a desire to see her son, and, when notified that he was in custody in St. Paul, said she and her husband would visit the prisoner within a few days. When asked whether she had any message to send her son she said: "Tell him we will bring his son Raymond along for him to see. He is getting to be a big boy and one to be proud of."

Karpis' son, Raymond, was born to Miss Dolores Delaney, his sweetheart, Feb. 2, 1935, while she was a prisoner in Miami. Miss Delaney was abandoned in an Atlantic City hotel several weeks previous when the desperado escaped in a revolver battle after federal agents had set a trap for him. Miss Delaney is now serving a sentence of five years imprisonment at the Milan, Mich., prison for harboring the bandit.

### Never Has Seen Baby.

Following her sentence of imprisonment at Miami, a year ago, the baby was turned over to Karpis' parents. He has never seen the child.

"Tell my son that Dolores was here to visit the boy on his first birthday—she thinks that he is quite a bouncer," Mrs. Karpavicz added. This visit,

Delaney was being transferred to the Milan penitentiary.

Walter Johnson, chief postoffice inspector here, said yesterday that the federal authorities had no definite information of any crime that the notorious bandit had committed here. Johnson said, however, that Karpis had been suspected of participating in the robbery of a federal reserve messenger Sept. 22, 1933, at Jackson boulevard and Clark street. Two policemen were wounded, one fatally, by the bandits while they were making their escape.

### Sought for Postoffice Robbery.

The postoffice inspector said Karpis, Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell had been sought for the \$34,000 postoffice robbery at Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7, 1935. It was the belief of local agents that Karpis' hideout had been located during the search for Hunter and others who participated in the Ogo robbery.

Significance was attached to the announcement by Attorney General

that \$5,000 would be paid for "information leading to the arrest of Karpis." It is believed that the bandit's associates may have been dickering with the federal officials and refused to turn over Karpis until a promise of reward was made definite.

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### THREE PUBLIC ENEMIES AT LARGE



With Alvin Karpis in custody, these three men are in line for title of "Public Enemy No. 1." Left to right: William Mahan, wanted for kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma, Wash.; Harry Campbell, sought for kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and other crimes; and Thomas G. Robinson Jr., wanted for abduction of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll of Louisville, Ky.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

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**Woman With Karpis Freed**  
**WASHINGTON, May 5**—J. Edgar Hoover said today that Ruth Robinson, the woman seized by Federal agents with Alvin Karpis in New Orleans Friday night, had been released. He said no charges would be placed against her. Fred Hunter, arrested at the same time, is being held to face charges of harboring Karpis and also in connection with a \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio.

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## KARPIS DOCTOR'S FATE

### Police Doubt He Died in Lake

CHICAGO, May 5 (AP).—The Chicago Evening American said today a dentist's story had cast doubt on the generally accepted belief Dr. Joseph P. Moran, wanted as a alleged asso-

ciate of the Karpis kidnaping gang, had been drowned in Lake Erie by fellow gangsters.

Dr. Moran, formerly of La Salle, Ill., disappeared from Chicago the day the late John B. (Boss) McLaughlin was arrested with Bremer kidnap money. He has not been heard from since.

The American today, however, quoted a Maywood dentist as saying government agents brought him the teeth from a body taken from the lake. The teeth, the dentist said, were those of a much older man.

When Alvin Karpis was arrested last week in New Orleans his face had been lifted. There was some speculation as to whether the operation had been performed by Dr. Moran.



ALVIN KARPIS  
Police Photo Showing Eyeglass  
"Disguise"  
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## TO ASK \$400,000 BAIL FOR KARPIS

Case Against Desperado and  
Kidnapers Held 'Airtight'

By Government

ST. PAUL, May 4 (AP)—Alvin Karpis was subjected to his third day of almost continuous questioning today as Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan announced the government had "an airtight case" and would ask that bail be set at \$400,000 when the outlaw is arraigned on kidnaping charges.

Sullivan called Karpis "one of the most desperate characters in the history of the nation."

United States agents said Karpis was quizzed concerning the \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., a brewing company head, the abduction of Edward G. Bremer, for whose release \$200,000 was paid, as well as nearly a score of other crimes. Among them were two hold-ups—a \$30,000 payroll hold-up in South St. Paul and the \$112,000 Third Northwestern National Bank robbery in Minneapolis. Four persons were killed in the two crimes.

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ALVIN KARPIS

## MYSTERIOUS TIP TRAPPED KARPIS

Women 'Look Over Rooms'  
And The Next Day He  
Is Captured

By Earl B. Steele  
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NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Mrs. John Meyer, who rented Alvin Karpis an apartment April 10, and Clarence (Duke) Pucheu, the salesman who sold him an automobile, are related by marriage, the United Press learned today in seeking the means whereby Federal agents located Karpis' hide-out here yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Meyer's daughter is Pucheu's wife. Both she and her son-in-law denied that they had told Department of Justice agents where they could find the nation's most wanted man.

A week ago, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation, renewed the department's reward of \$500 for Karpis' capture and promised strict anonymity to tipsters. Hoover and his subordinates had not one word to say as to the source of their information.

### 'Such A Nice Boy'

Mrs. Meyer said today that she could hardly believe her tenant was the notorious criminal. Pucheu said he was not in the least surprised; that, in fact, he had suspected his true identity right along, had intended telling the Department of Justice about his suspicions, but had procrastinated.

"I used to be a Government man myself," he said.

Mrs. Meyer rents "light house-keeping" flats in the 3300 block of Canal-st., a middle-class and respectable district. On April 10, a young man accompanied by a young woman, who he said was his wife, rented one of her apartments.

"He was such a nice boy," Mrs.

THE BIRMINGHAM POST,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
May 2, 1936.

Re: BREKID.

### 'Acted Strange'

The young man, who said he was a Mr. O'Hara, told her he wanted to buy an automobile. Mrs. Meyer said her son-in-law was an automobile salesman and he went to Pucheu.

Pucheu, known as "The Duke" for his elegant dress and manners, and loquacious, thought his customer strange from the minute he saw him, he said. O'Hara (Karpis) disliked standing in front of windows while talking, paid for his car in \$100 bills and took long, mysterious trips that the speedometer of his car indicated had been made at break-neck speed.

"My wife and I talked it over," Pucheu said. "We decided he was a gangster, all right."

### Two Women Call

Mrs. Meyer, meanwhile, was finding her tenant very well mannered. There was a cupboard in her apartment for which she had lost the key and Karpis was delighted to do her the service of prying it open. Thursday morning, Karpis again exhibited his courtesy.

Mrs. Meyer knocked on the door of his apartment, said she wanted to sell the dining room set that was a part of the furnishings, and would he mind if two prospective purchasers came in to look at it.

Two women entered, following Mrs. Meyer. In going to the dining room, they had adequate opportunity to inspect the entire apartment, arrangements of rooms, of furniture, the nature of the personal possessions of the tenants.

### Then The Capture

The women looked at the dining room set, said they were afraid it wouldn't do, but would think it over, and left.

Soon thereafter, Hoover chartered a plane in New York and flew to New Orleans by way of Washington. Yesterday afternoon, he and his agents captured Karpis.

In addition to the \$500 reward from the Department of Justice, the Postoffice Department has a \$2000 reward outstanding for Karpis for his alleged participation in a mail robbery at Garrettsville, O. Both rewards are for "information leading to the apprehension of" and do not require conviction before being paid.

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# Ring of Guns Around Public Enemy No.



Department of Justice men, armed with Tommy guns, eyed Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, as he was taken from the St. Paul airport to the Federal Building yesterday. The desperado, captured in New Orleans, was virtually surrounded by a ring of guns. (AP Wirephoto)

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# KARPIS ACTED "YELLOW," SAYS HOOVER IN ST. PAUL

## Public Enemy Who Boasted No One Would Take Him Alive Found Scared Speechless

ST. PAUL, May 2. (P)—Alvin Karpis, long hunted as leader of a gang charged with carrying out two of the nation's major kidnappings, was returned today to the scene of those crimes after being seized last night in a bloodless Department of Justice coup in New Orleans.

Karpis, the nation's most widely sought criminal, had boasted he "wouldn't be taken alive," but J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who led the capture and escorted the prisoner here by airplane, said Karpis was "so damned scared he couldn't talk."

Not a shot was fired by the heavily armed agents who ended a three-year search.

### PLANE MAKES DETOURS

Karpis was brought here by Hoover and eight Federal agents on a twelve-hour airplane trip marked by detours and hazardous flying weather.

Shackled with heavy chains on the long ride, the prisoner often dubbed the latest Public Enemy No. 1 was rushed under heavy guard to the Federal Building upon arrival. He was held there for questioning.

### NO REWARDS DUE

Hoover left early this afternoon by plane for New York. When his chartered ship paused briefly at Chicago, he announced:

"Karpis's arrest was brought about entirely by Department of Justice agents. There were no tips from outsiders and no reward will be paid."

Rewards totaling \$7000 had been offered for the apprehension and conviction of the gang leader.

When Karpis will be arraigned and whether he will be tried first for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Banker Edward G. Bremer or the seizure of William Hamm, Jr., brewing company head, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom, Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan was unable to say as yet. Hamm was kidnaped June 15, 1933, and Bremer, January 17, 1934.

At any rate, authorities in Washington said the 26-year-old ex-convict faces the prospect of spending the remainder of his life in Alcatraz Island prison, if convicted of either kidnaping.

A death penalty may be asked under the Lindbergh law if the trial should develop that a victim had been injured while held, legal authorities in the capital added.

At least two other demands for custody of Karpis were indicated. Hoover told newsmen Karpis is wanted for three kidnappings, including those of Bremer and Hamm, the slaying of a Sheriff, fifteen bank robberies, three or four small hold-ups and complicity in the slaying of "three or four other fellows."

### OTHERS WANT KARPIS

Postal authorities said they would like to try Karpis for the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last November 7, if he does not receive a death sentence on some other charge. Fred Hunter, also wanted for the Garrettsville hold-up and a woman also were captured with Karpis.

In West Plains, Mo., Sheriff Ed Threlkeld said he had asked that Karpis be brought there for trial for the slaying of Sheriff Roy C. Kelley in December, 1931, but does not expect his request will be complied with.

### DIDN'T GRAB GUN

Hoover related that agents had been trailing Karpis for two or three days before his capture last night. When definite information was obtained they surrounded the apartment in which he lived with Hunter and the woman, planning to raid it. But before they could enter, the three emerged.

"We nabbed them after they had entered their car," Hoover said. "There was a rifle in the back seat but Karpis or Hunter didn't have a chance to reach for it. Neither carried pistols."

The capture, he continued, "rings down the curtain on all the principals in the Barker-Karpis mob," charged by the government with perpetrating both the Hamm and Bremer abductions.

### HAD FACE LIFTED

Karpis had undergone plastic surgery, but was easily recognizable from photographs, Hoover said, and he also had had his finger tips treated.

The only member of the gang still

at large is Harry Campbell, long an associate of Karpis. Asked if Campbell now would succeed to designation as Public Enemy No. 1, Hoover replied:

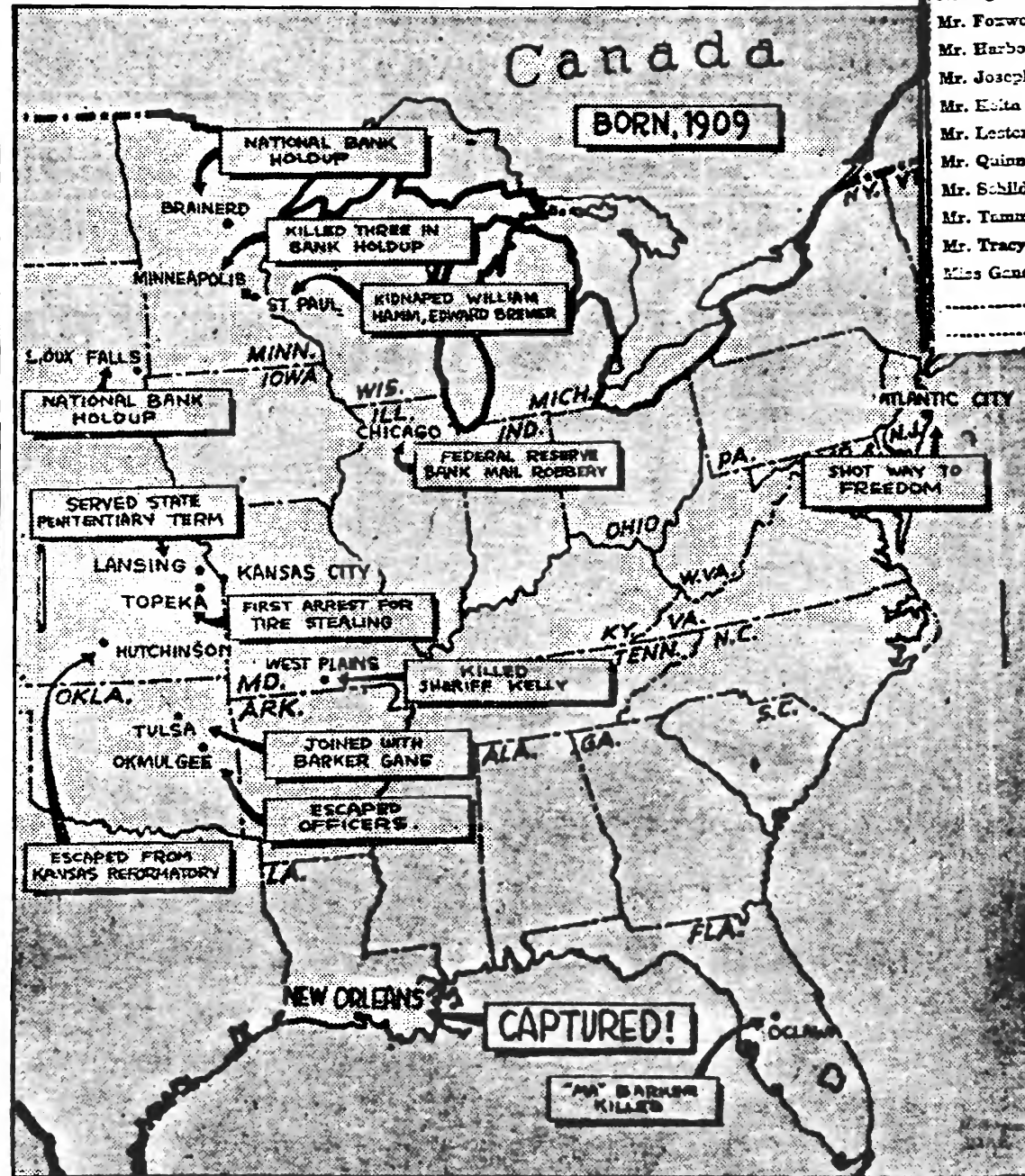
"We don't give them any rating."

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THE NEW ORLEANS "TIMES-PICAYUNE"  
Monday, May 4, 1936

## Karpis' Bold Career of Crime Mapped On



High spots in the trail of crime of Alvin Karpis, which ran out Friday in New Orleans, are shown on the map above. He was first arrested in Topeka, Kans. Since 1931 he had been sought for the murder of a sheriff, the kidnappings of William A. Hamm, Jr., and Edward G. Bremer, a \$30,000 payroll robbery, the Federal Reserve bank mail robbery in Chicago and two bank robberies.

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# G-MEN SEIZE KARPIS GANG 'BRAINS'

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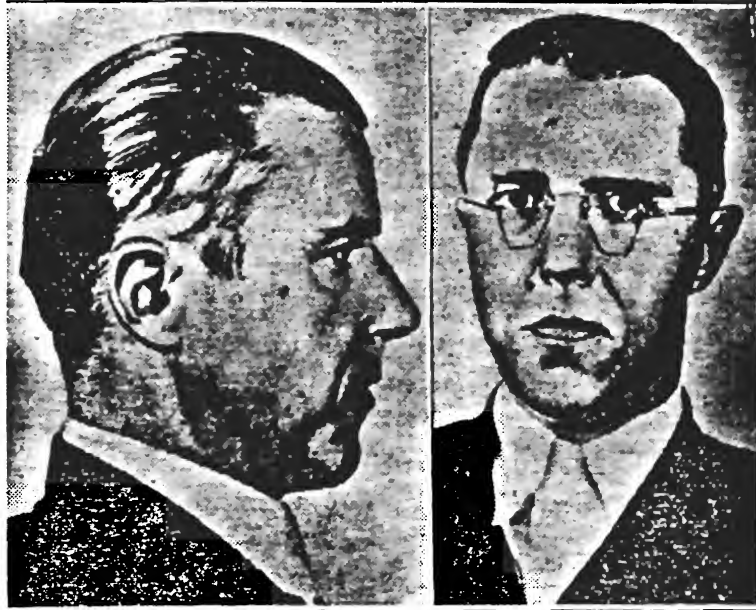
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# TWO KARPIS GANGSTERS CAPTURED BY G-MEN

## KARPIS' DISGUISES



—Pictures from International News Photo Service.

These photos of Alvin Karpis, taken in St. Paul, Minn., after his capture in New Orleans, shows how the erstwhile Public Enemy No. 1 had attempted to disguise himself. The side view at left shows the scar above his ear where skin had been taken to "lift" his face. At right, Karpis is shown wearing glasses.

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# OHIO RAIDS WIPE OUT OUTLAW BAND

By International News Service

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 7.

The G-men today wiped out the last remnants of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang with the arrest of Harry Campbell, reputed "torpedo" and "brains" of the gang, and Sam Cokar, a minor member, in two Toledo raids.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, per-



HARRY CAMPBELL  
"Torpedo" of Karpis Gang Nabbed

somany sent a large force of agents in the raids. Both men were seized without the firing of a shot, in the same fashion that Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, a henchman, were seized last Friday night in New Orleans.

Campbell also was known as "Lumpy" because of a game right leg. He was classed as the "hard guy" and "torpedo" of the Karpis gang. "Torpedo" is gangland's term for a killer or gunman.

Campbell's girl bride, described by Hoover as "just an innocent little girl" who is not suspected of any part in the gang's crimes, also was taken into custody, but probably will be released after questioning.

The arrests, Hoover said, clean up the major angles of the Bremer kidnaping case in St. Paul.

The two raids were accomplished in utmost secrecy. Hoover flew from Washington to Toledo last night. At 5 a. m. today the G-men struck.

Hoover did not disclose the source of information which led to Campbell's apprehension, but many suspected that Karpis, now in custody in St. Paul, squealed of his own lieutenant.

One G-Man was asked, "Is Karpis going to get the \$2500 reward for Campbell's capture?"

The reply was, "Well, he's entitled to it."

Describing Campbell's capture, Hoover said federal men surrounded the Toledo apartment building during the night. Some were posted inside the lobby.

The agents rushed Campbell shortly after dawn as he and the girl emerged from their apartment.

## CAMPBELL AND COKAR NABBED IN OHIO

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

presumably prepared to leave Toledo.

"Campbell showed a little resistance," Hoover said. He estimated the fugitive attempted to reach a .45 caliber revolver found on his person.

The gangster had six clips of shells in his possession.

Hoover said the girl claimed she married Campbell under his alias of Bob Miller at Bowling Green, Ohio, in May, 1935.

Cokar, he said, is wanted by Oklahoma authorities as a parole violator. He was sentenced to serve 20 years for bank robbery.

The bureau chief said agents found \$2900 in currency in Campbell's room.

Hoover said a doctor named "Moran," formerly of Cleveland, "who is probably dead now," had performed facelifting and fingerprint obliterating operations on leaders of the Karpis mob.

"I have reason to believe his body was dumped into Lake Erie after the Karpis crowd took him for a ride," Hoover declared.

### CAMPBELL RETURNED TO ST. PAUL UNDER HEAVY GUN GUARD

By Associated Press

ST. PAUL, May 7.—Limping Harry Campbell was returned to St. Paul under the muzzles of federal agents' guns today after being trapped in Toledo by government man hunters.

Campbell, last of 25 persons involved in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, two years ago, was brought here by plane in the same manner as was Alvin "Old Creepy" Karpis, gang leader, transported to St. Paul from New Orleans last week.

Behind closed hangar doors, federal agents ringed the plane with shotguns and sub-machine guns ready for action, while Campbell was "unloaded." He still wore leg irons and handcuffs.

Sam Cokar, a minor member of the now shattered gang, also arrived in the same plane.

### KIDNAPER MAHAN IS "PUBLIC RAT NO. 1" TO G-MEN, SAYS HOOVER

By United Press

CLEVELAND, May 7.—William Mahan, kidnaper of 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser, now "Public Rat No. 1" to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation.

Hoover was asked after capture of Harry Campbell, Karpis-Barker gangster, whom the federal agents were concentrating on now.

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# MOTHER BARKER EVIL-GENIUS OF SONS

"MOTHER BARKER," the strangest of mothers whose spawn were the criminals of the Karpis-Barker gang, is the central figure in this, the fourth chapter on the life of Alvin Karpis, captured "Public Enemy No. 1." Author Cooper also relates here the events leading to the Bremer kidnaping.

By  
COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER  
CHAPTER IV.

During all the time in which the United States Government hunted Frank Nash and the others who followed, the Barker-Karpis gang of outlaws did not lose a member, either through arrest or death.

Always careful, always unobtrusive, always under the watchful eyes of Kate Barker, the mother of Fred and Arthur, this crowd played the resorts when resorts were cool, or knew when to retire.

By the Autumn of 1933, when Dillinger's crew was beginning to occupy the first pages, the Barker-Karpis members already had garnered nearly \$500,000 from bank robberies and kidnappings.

Moreover, one of the Barker boys met a banker's daughter, who fell in love with him. It may or may not be surprising to that banking family to learn that Shotgun George Zeigler, who now was definitely aligned with the Barker-Karpis mob, later boasted that most of the hot money obtained through a kidnaping was changed into "real" cash through this connection.

## NEW IDEAS

A tangle of emotions evidenced itself in the life of Shotgun George. In his home, a deathly ill woman gasped with the agony of cancer; she was the wife of a dead gangster. A boy played about until he became old enough to learn too much, when he was sent away. He was the son of Denver Bobby, an old bank robber; his mother had been murdered on a one-way ride. Shotgun George talked to him often about the value of leading a straight life.

There were long stretches when he actually would take a land-scaping job, working delightedly

upon it. But mostly Shotgun George liked to sit with Mother Barker and listen to her talk about her boys.

Here again was a strange figure of the underworld. Short, hard-featured, fattish, her cheeks loose and sagging, her gray hair always carefully groomed, her brown eyes brilliant and remorseless, yet withal queerly able to present the appearance of a mild old lady, this woman had made a weird success of rearing a criminal spawn.

Her first boy, Arthur, was a murderer, three inches shorter even than his mother, who was five feet six. Then there was Lloyd, who was still in Leavenworth Prison, and finally Freddie, who had helped to kill a policeman while his mother looked on. Alvin Karpis she regarded also as a son; he might have passed for one in his similarity to Arthur except for the difference in age.

These persons had come from Tulsa, Oklahoma, by way of Neosho, Missouri, where the boys were born, and Joplin, where they later lived; thus the cycle begun by Frank Nash swung back to the State of its nativity. This was the last big gang remaining of all that throng of celebrants who moved from night club to night club in 1931.

Kate Barker and Shotgun George conferred often. They were the brains of this outfit, combined with Freddie's knowledge as gained from Frank Nash associations, Arthur's incisiveness, and the coldness of Alvin Karpis, otherwise "Old Creepy."

There now were fully twenty-six persons in the gang, counting the hangers-on and the women. Four are now dead, twenty-two are indicted. For once, the feminine element did not play a vital part. Kate Barker watched them, hawk-

like, until she saw that they were taking a definite place. Then she slashed out like a tigress. She hated George's woman. She hated Paula Harmon. The women whom her boys met must be seen secretly; only Old Creepy defied her; other gang members never mentioned their women in her presence.

Christmastide of 1933 neared. The funds resultant from robberies and kidnappings had become low. But the boys knew where there

was a \$200,000 job. A man had known Edward George Bremer, banker and brewer of St. Paul, for more than eight years, willing to finger him for kidnaping. Shotgun George rebelled

Tomorrow in The Daily Mirror, Courtney Ryley Cooper tells more of the career of Alvin Karpis, captured gang leader now on his way to Alcatraz life, or possibly to the electric chair.

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